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On Town being in good hands and why
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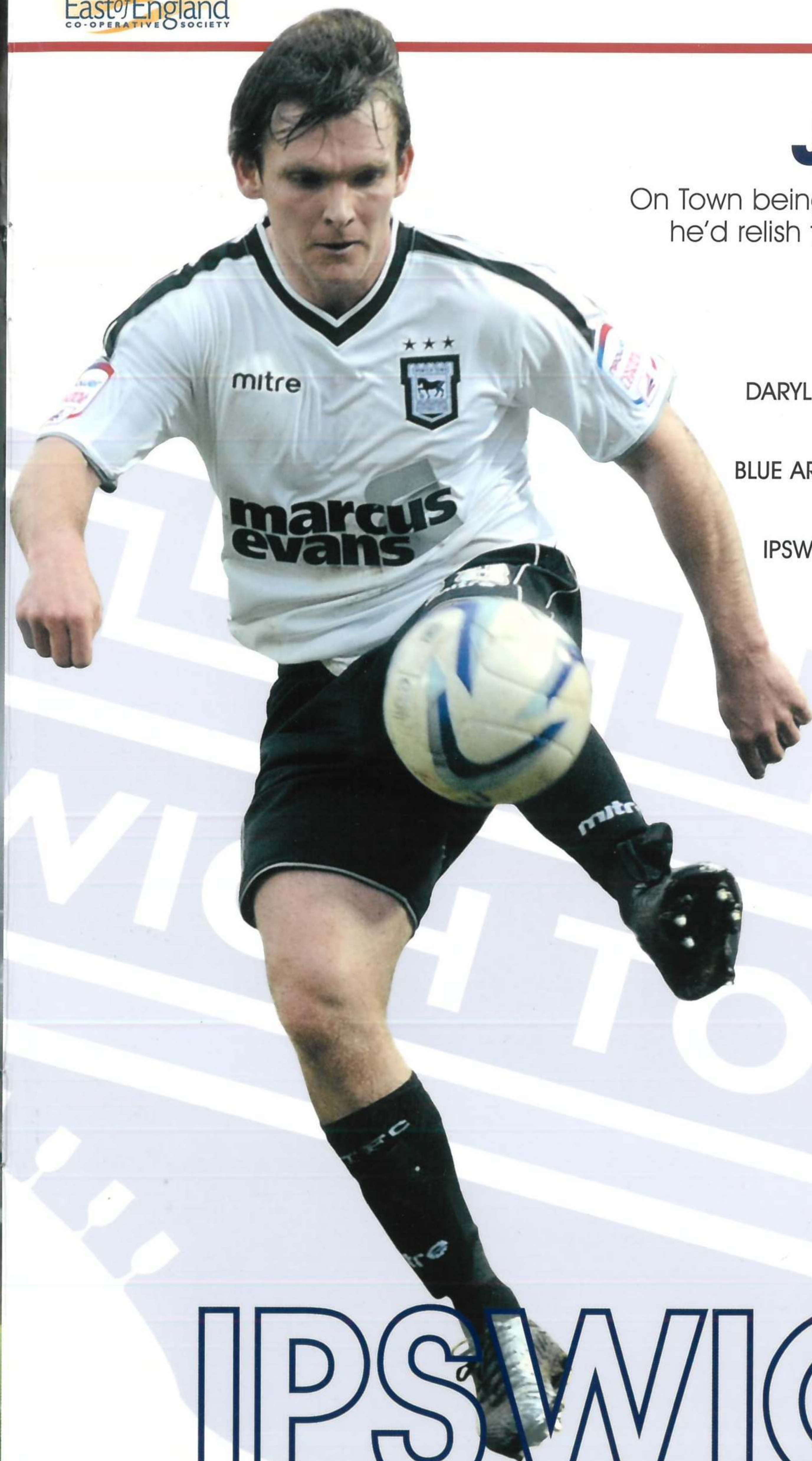
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The Insider

The matchday programme's secret spy takes you behind the scenes at Portman Road to reveal the real stories at the home of the Blues...

SHAKING IT UP

Youngsters at the Junior Blues event at Namco Funscape this week didn't just test their ten-pin bowling skills against the Town players, they became stars on YouTube as well.

The exclusive event for Junior Blues meant even The Insider had to sneak in the backdoor as Aaron Cresswell, Tommy Smith, Tyrone Mings, Frank Nouble and Jay Emmanuel-Thomas joined in the fun.

The players signed autographs and posed for pictures then Jet decided to take the fun on to a whole new level by acting as choreographer as the kids took part in the internet dance craze, the Harlem Shake.

You can check out the result on YouTube, you won't want to miss it.

It was the second visit to Namco Funscape this season for the JB's and they will have their end of season party there on Tuesday, April 30.

The Insider has also learnt that Jet and 'partner in crime' Frank Nouble are planning to take the Harlem Shake to a school in Ipswich very soon. Beware!



NAMCO FUN SCAPE



CHAMBO PLEA

Luke Chambers has asked The Insider to come to his aid and find his treasured new pair of trainers.

The Town defender had waited patiently for a few weeks for the personally inscribed footwear to arrive at the training ground.

The arrival of the black and white Nike Jordans, complete with LC4 on the laces, prompted a celebratory jig for Chambo and he was showered, changed and on the way out of the door in a split second to show them off to the world.

Unfortunately, he left them on the top of his car as he drove out of the training ground. Shock horror, they weren't on the roof when he got home!

So if anyone has seen the trainers with the distinctive laces, can you send them back to the Club please. You'd make Chambo's day. Needless to say, his team-mates are gutted for him!

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The gaffer

Mick McCarthy looks back on a good performance but a frustrating result at Peterborough and welcomes a new member to his squad...

Welcome back to Portman Road for this afternoon's game against Bolton, who are the in-form team in the Championship at the moment.

They, like the other two relegated clubs, Wolves and Blackburn, had a disappointing start to the season. That can happen with clubs dropping down from the Premier League. There can be a hangover effect.

After being down at the wrong end of the table when February started, Bolton have certainly progressed over the last month, with five wins on the bounce and are in the frame for the Play-Offs now. So they should be though with the squad they have, which includes a lot of players with Premier League experience.

We go into the game on the back of a good performance against Peterborough but we left London Road disappointed with the result.

We were the better team over the 90 minutes, created the better chances and played well enough to have won the game. Their 'keeper has to take some credit though, he made two fantastic saves and that earned them a point and denied us all three.



Elliott Hewitt

Overall I was very happy with the performance. If we defend like that for the rest of the season and perform at that same level, we will be alright.

The only thing that was lacking at Peterborough was an end product. We know we need to score more goals. We are the lowest scorers in the division and that is a concern but it's something we are working on every day in training and as I said, if it wasn't for their 'keeper making two top-class saves, we would have scored.

"That side of the game is not for me and I wouldn't be happy if my players acted in that way"

I'm not one for watching games through rose-tinted glasses but we have been on the end of a couple of bad decisions by the officials recently.

There was a clear penalty for us at Peterborough. It was hard to ball. Then a few days earlier at Forest, we had to play with nine men for the last half hour after Richard Stearman was sent-off for a second booking when all he did was ease Andy Reid off the ball. I spoke to the referee's assessor and he said that it was the wrong decision but that was cold comfort for us. We couldn't appeal and lost Stears for one game - and lost the match as well.

What disappointed me just as much as the red cards was the reaction of the Forest players when they went down in the two incidents that led to the dismissals. There was certainly a lot of play-acting going on, particularly with Lee Martin's sending-off. That side of the game is not for me and I wouldn't be happy if my players acted in that way.

With Stears missing, Elliott Hewitt came in for his first League start for us last week and did well. It was a big game to come in to, a high pressure game with both clubs down at the bottom, and he handled it well. He's only a young lad, learning the game but he's going to be a good player.

"If we defend like that for the rest of the season and perform at that same level, we will be alright"

I was also delighted with Jay Tabb's performance at Peterborough. He only joined on loan from Reading 24 hours before the game but was excellent for us.

His 90 minutes were epitomised by the commitment he showed in making a sliding tackle right at the end of the game when he was running on empty.

We've not had much luck down the left side lately with Lee suspended and Woody fracturing his spine, so bringing in Jay gives us some options down that wing - although he can play right across the midfield as well.

He's with us for the standard 28 days and then we will take it from there. We can extend the loan until the end of the season but that will be down to what Reading and Jay say as much as us. He's certainly made a very good impression around the place though in the week he has been here.

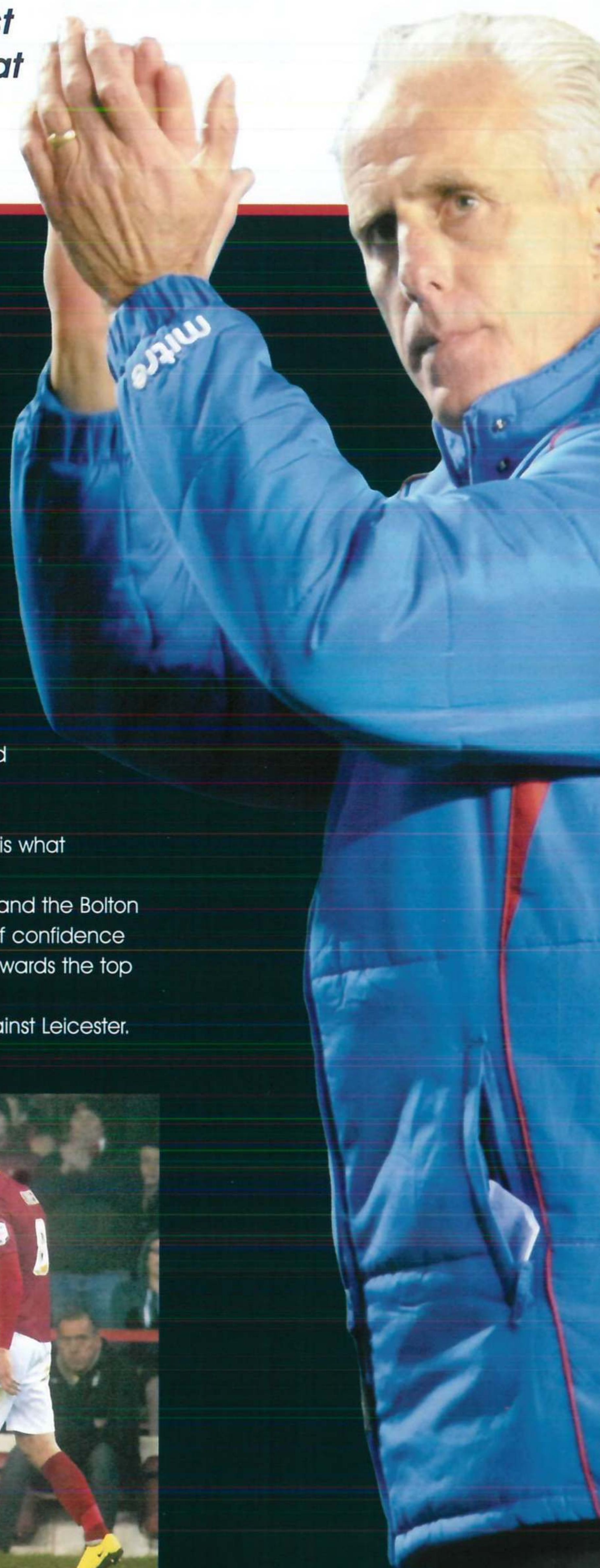
Josh Carson has gone on loan to York for a month and that will give him the opportunity to play some first-team football. Nigel Worthington (York boss) knows him from Northern Ireland and playing games which really 'count' is what Josh needs at this stage.

Finally, I'd like to welcome Dougie Freedman, his staff and the Bolton players to Portman Road this afternoon. They will be full of confidence but we've had some decent results against the teams towards the top of the table lately and we'll be ready for the challenge.

Your support was fantastic in our last home game, against Leicester. We need that again this afternoon.



Richard Stearman's red card: a 'wrong' decision





Twitter Talk

Anthony Wordsworth is next up to answer the tweets from the Blue Army and there's a mention for Frank and Jet's rapping, Dennis Bergkamp and meatballs in hospital...



Anthony Wordsworth
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Jake Lensen @JakeLensen
Who did you look up to as a youngster and what inspired you to be a footballer?



Dennis Bergkamp @JakeLensen. I was a massive Arsenal fan growing up and he was a really classy player.

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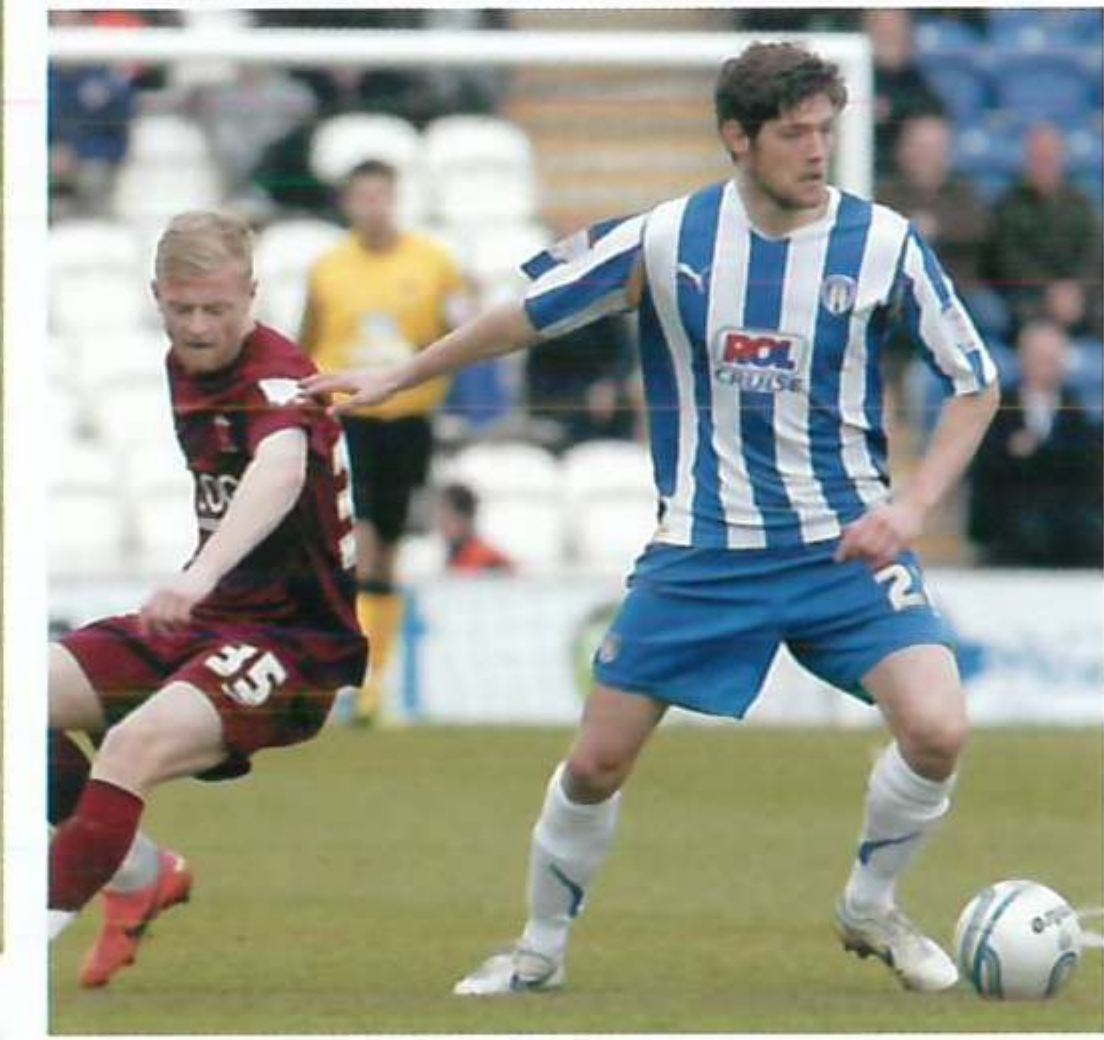




Jack Cook @jackcook99
Who has impressed you most in training since joining #ITFC?



@jackcook99 Lee Martin has impressed me with his silky skills!





William Taylor @WilliammTaylorr
What would you say are the biggest differences between League One football and Championship football?



The tempo is a lot quicker in the Championship and you get a bit more time on the ball @WilliammTaylorr.

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Ipswich Town FC @Official_ITFC
How's the recovery from injury coming along?



It's going well and I'm hoping to be back for the Leeds game at Easter @Official_ITFC. I'm happy with my progress.



Bart Williams @Bart_Williams
What was the hospital food like?



It wasn't the best! @Bart_Williams They gave me meatballs - at least I think that is what it was!

"I just remember talking rubbish in the dressing-room and all the lads were in hysterics!"





Ipswich Town FC @Official_ITFC

What do you remember about the day, the gas and air seemed to take its toll!



Not a lot @Official_ITFC! I just remember talking rubbish in the dressing-room and all the lads were in hysterics!



JoshBrown! @JoshBrown97

How do you get yourself pumped up for a game?



.@JoshBrown97 I like to listen to music and talk to the lads about the game.



Number 9 @DavidRead7

What's been the best goal of your career so far?



I scored a decent goal for Colchester against Charlton at The Valley last season @DavidRead7. It was from about 30 yards and it was a great feeling.



Joshua Norman @NormsITFC

How have you settled in and who do you hang around with mostly at the Club?



Really well @NormsITFC. I travel in with Frank Nouble as he also lives in Colchester and then Elliott Hewitt and Jet are good mates of mine too.



Ipswich Town FC

@Official_ITFC

You use the social media channel 'Keek', but what do you make of Frank and Jet's rapping 'Keek' videos?



.@Official_ITFC I think they are amusing and they need to keep them up! I think Palace's Yannick Bolasie has got them on toast though!

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Tweets of the week

@JWOgle picks his tweets of the week

@OfficialJET9

Great night bowling with @ITFCJuniorBlues #Ipswich #greatkids #harlemshake
Jet lets us know how his evening with the Junior Blues went this week.

@tyronemings1

Decent point today, fans were unreal as always #AwayDays #ITFC

Defender Tyrone reflects on the point earned at Peterborough.

@the_stears

The generator is down at the Training Ground, so no hot showers after training in a blizzard! #Frozen Stearo wasn't looking forward to shower time earlier this week!

@Official_ITFC

Jay Tabb tells Ipswich Player about impressing the boss and fans. Club website has full story. New boy Jay speaking positively to Ipswich Player and Club Twitter account after signing on loan.



@Official_ITFC

Next into the Twitter hotseat will be Carlos Edwards. Tweet your questions using the hashtag #askCarlos

Follow every Town kick, every Town game, every Town player, every Town story on Twitter @Official_ITFC



Blues News

Don't miss out on a free trial for Ipswich Player, the Ladies taste derby victory while Blues back the Football League charity Prostate Cancer UK at this afternoon's game...

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As we approach a crucial period in the season, take advantage of a free trial on Ipswich Player and get closer to the action than ever before.

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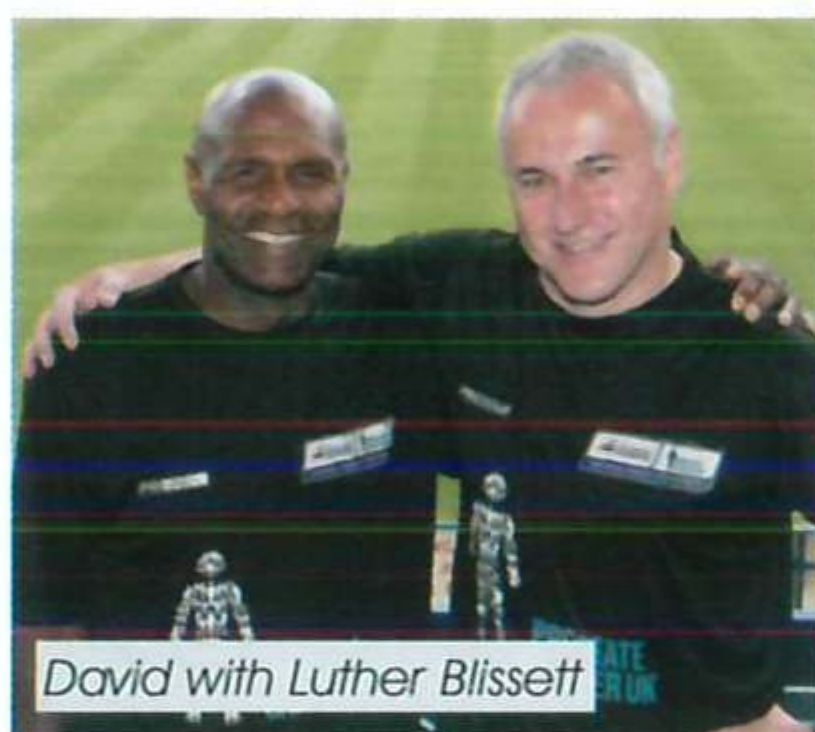
device. Not only that, you can also watch extended match highlights and exclusive videos.

Many fans have already signed up to Ipswich Player's official multimedia channel and for those that haven't - now is the perfect time!

Don't miss out, claim your 14-day free Ipswich Player trial now. See the Club website at www.itfc.co.uk for full details.

Raising awareness

We are joined by David Annand today who was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2011 at the age of 49. With no symptoms, an active and healthy lifestyle and of the opinion that only 'old men' got prostate cancer, he found the diagnosis very disturbing.



Thankfully it was at his routine checkup, blood and PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen) tests that provided the clues that after further investigation, David did in fact have prostate cancer. Because the cancer was diagnosed early, it meant he had a choice of treatment. The danger of waiting until symptoms are displayed, is that the cancer may have advanced to a less treatable stage, narrowing choices of treatment and potentially affecting the quality of life to a far greater extent.

To raise awareness of prostate cancer, David is walking around the perimeter of the pitch at famous sporting stadiums within the UK to highlight just how common prostate cancer is. Please show your support for David as he makes his way around the Portman Road pitch before kick-off this afternoon.

Portman Road welcomed Portsmouth fan Scott recently, who is also raising awareness for Prostate Cancer UK by walking to all 92 Premier and Football League clubs, all in aid of the charity.

Scott was at the home of the Blues last month before heading off to Colchester, Southend and then on to London.

For more information on Scott's challenge and ways you can support him in his epic journey, please visit www.walkthe92.co.uk.



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Calling all fans

Portman Road is a no smoking stadium. This includes the fieldturf and car parks. Anyone found smoking will be ejected from the ground. For anyone considering leaving the stadium, please note that no re-admission to the ground will be permitted.

Flying football alert

Supporters are reminded to be aware of flying footballs during the teams' pre-match warm-up routines. Although ITFC makes every effort to ensure no supporters are struck during this time, with the provision of warm-up nets, the occasional stray ball still finds its way into the crowd.

Prostate Cancer UK

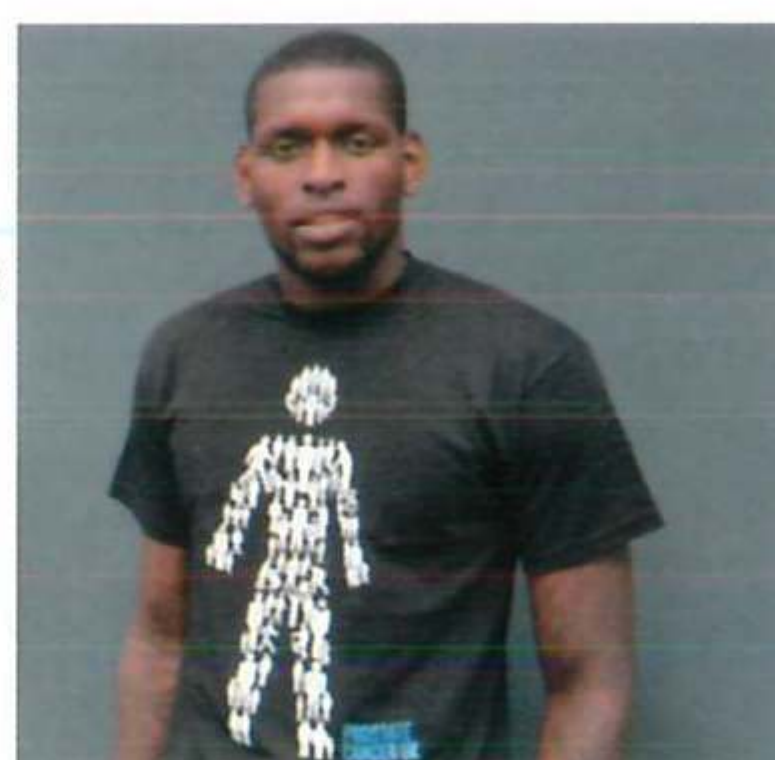
Prostate Cancer UK, the Football League's charity partner for the 2012/13 season, will be collecting inside and outside the ground today to help raise funds to fight the most common form of cancer in men.

The Town players will also be warming in up in Prostate Cancer UK T-shirts to raise awareness of the charity and its campaign.

Prostate Cancer UK fights to help more men survive prostate cancer and enjoy a better quality of life. They support men and provide vital information; they find answers by funding research into causes and treatments and they lead change, raising the profile of the disease and improving care.

This month, Prostate Cancer UK's Sledgehammer Fund aims to wake up the nation to a disease that kills 10,000 men every year. That's one man every hour, and the number of men with the disease is rising at an alarming rate.

While it is already the most common cancer in men, prostate cancer is predicted to become the most



common cancer of all in the UK by 2030. It's as big an issue for men as breast cancer is for women - yet prostate cancer gets just a fraction of the money for research. The disease is poorly understood, the tests aren't good enough, and the treatments can have life-changing side effects. The prostate is approximately the size and shape of a walnut, and Prostate Cancer UK needs a huge sledgehammer to crack it - The Sledgehammer Fund.

Text CRACK to 70004 to donate £5* or visit prostatecanceruk.org/football.

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Derby delight for Ladies

After a long period without any games due to the poor weather conditions, Ipswich Town Ladies returned to action on a winning note. A derby win over Norwich was followed by victories over Colchester and Luton.

The Ladies were unfortunate to bow out of the WFA Cup, losing 2-0 to Premier League side Aston Villa after putting in a very strong performance, but look to the Suffolk Cup semi-final against Ransomes this weekend as an opportunity to take one step closer to silverware.

New store opens

One of Town's corporate partners, Kent Blaxill, opened a new 10,000 sq ft store at Trinity Road, Ipswich earlier this month. For more details, click on www.kentblaxill.co.uk.

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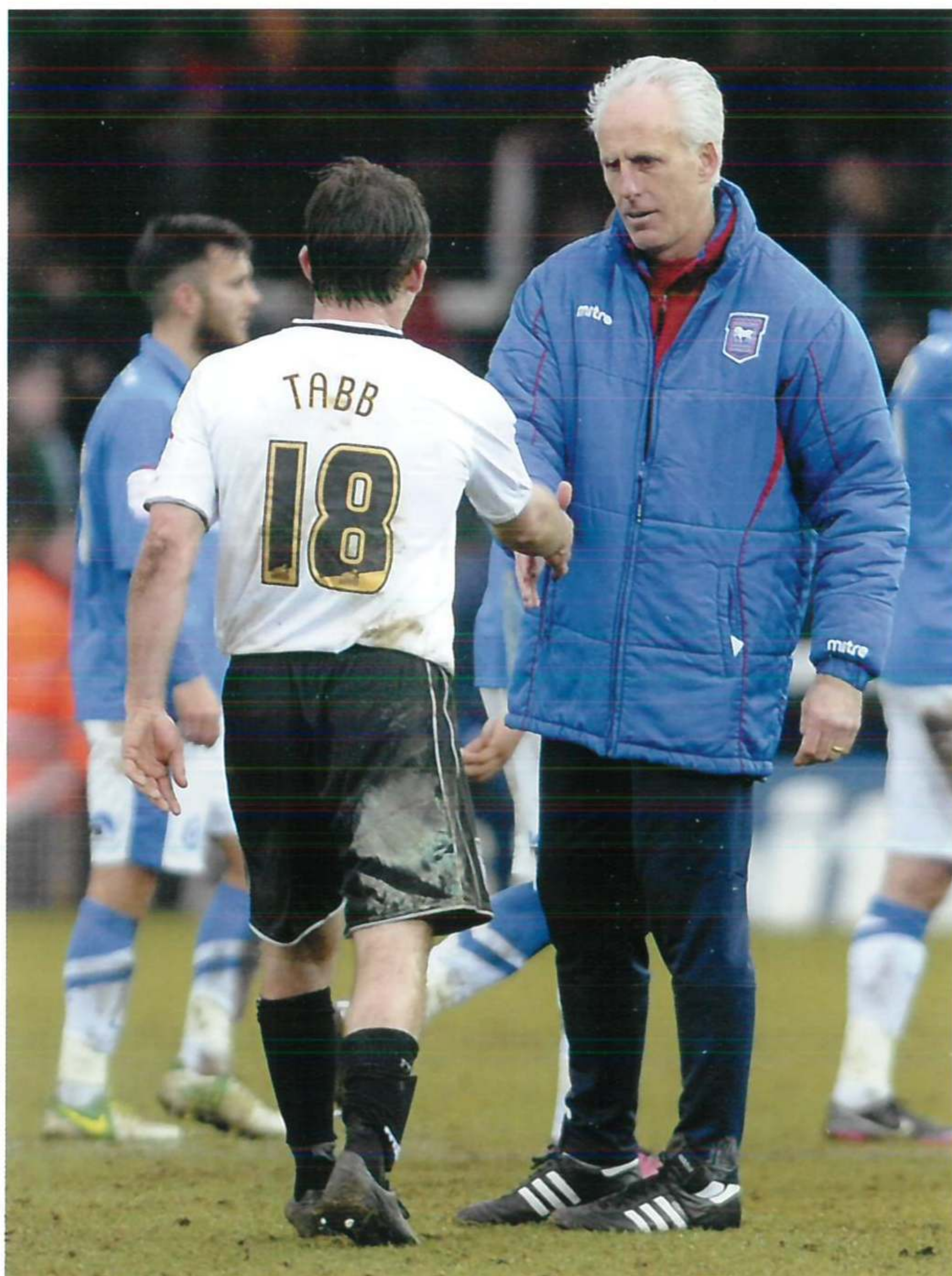
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The matchday programme catches up with the midfielder, who has joined Town on a month's loan from Reading, to talk about a permanent move to Portman Road, why Blues are in good hands and the secret to success in the Championship...

The Big Interview

JAY TABB



Welcome to Ipswich Town, Jay...

Thanks. I'm delighted to be here. It's a massive club, a club that I have always liked playing at when I was at Coventry and then Reading. I'm looking forward to my time here.

Did you speak to anyone about the Club before making the move?

I know Alex McCarthy, who was here on loan last season, and I know Jimmy Bullard as well and they both said what a great club it is but I didn't need any persuading to come here. You don't need that when Mick McCarthy is the manager.

So it was an easy decision, even though you've had to drop down from the Premier League?

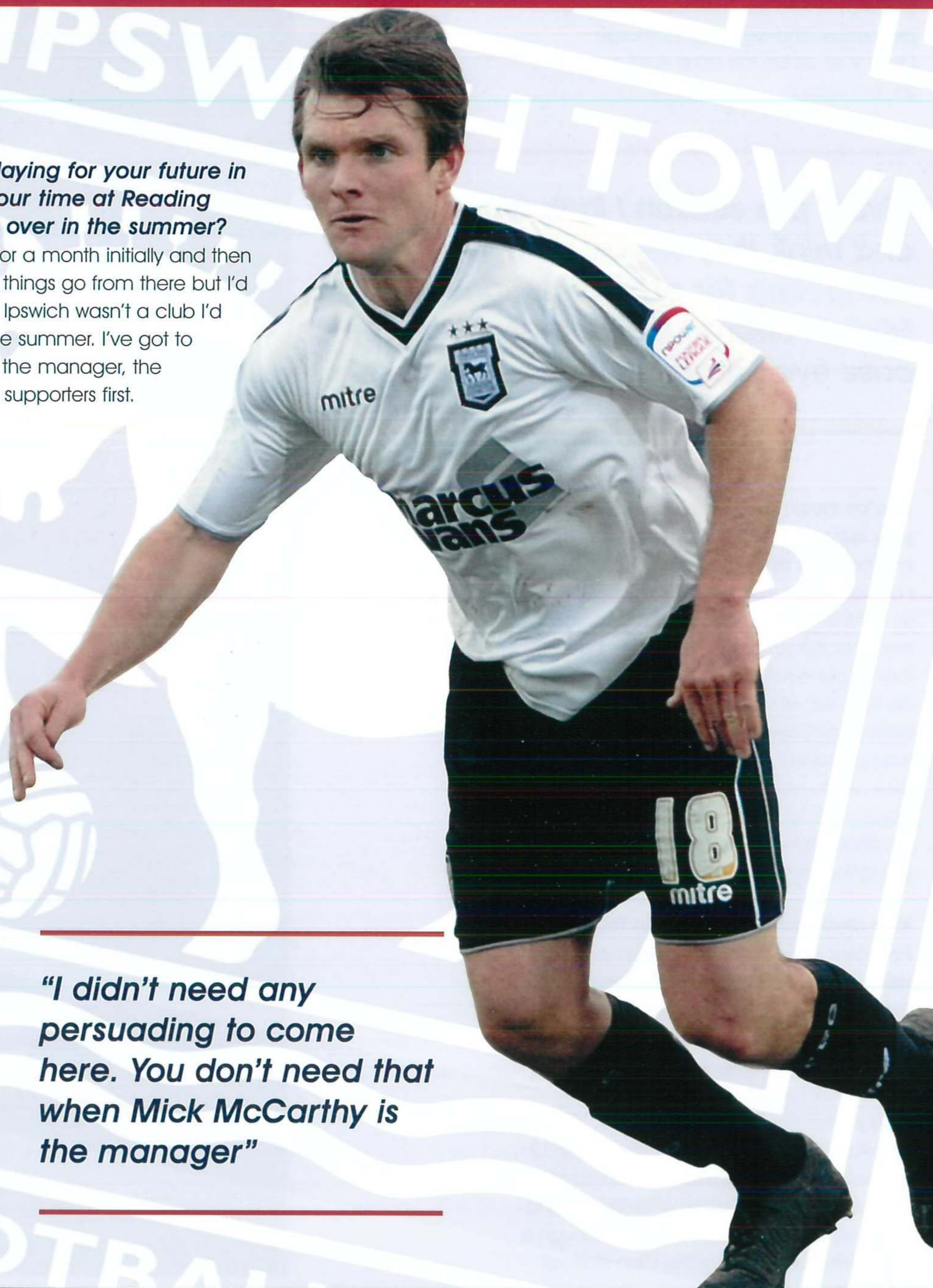
Yeah it was. My contract is up at Reading at the end of the season and it's very unlikely I will be offered a new one. I will be looking for a new club in the summer. I spoke to a few teams in January and there were things being talked about, with other loans as well, but as soon as Mick called I was on my way. You only have a look at his track record in management to know the standing he has in the game and knowing what a great club Ipswich is, it was an easy decision.

"I'd be lying if I said Ipswich wasn't a club I'd love to join in the summer. I've got to prove myself to the manager, the players and the supporters first"

So you are playing for your future in a way, with your time at Reading looking to be over in the summer?

Yeah. I'm here for a month initially and then we will see how things go from there but I'd be lying if I said Ipswich wasn't a club I'd love to join in the summer. I've got to prove myself to the manager, the players and the supporters first.

"I didn't need any persuading to come here. You don't need that when Mick McCarthy is the manager"



So a move to Portman Road appeals then?

Definitely. Obviously at this moment in time the Club's priority is to get safe, but every pre-season I look at Ipswich and think that they will be up there competing for promotion, and with Mick in charge I think that will be the case even more so next season.

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You've been here a week now, are you surprised to see Town at the wrong end of the table?

I am but when you look at the table, it's so tight. We could win a game and go five or six places up the table. We have to look to put a run together and if we can do that, we will be fine. I was in a similar position at Coventry and we had a good run over four or five games and that took us into mid-table. When you look around the squad and see the calibre of manager here, it looks a club that is going somewhere.

You played for Reading in the Premier League this season after winning the Championship last term. How tough is it in the top flight?

I played 12 games on the bounce for Reading and it was great to get a taste of the Premier League. It's totally different though, the pace is very quick. Unfortunately I didn't feature after those 12 games and the club is at the bottom of the league, but there is still time for Reading to get themselves out of it. My focus though is on Ipswich and helping the Club stay up.





Why didn't you feature after that run in the side?

That's just the way the game is. The manager (Brian McDermott) changed things around and I was out of the team. That's the kind of business it is. You can either dust yourself down and get on with it or sulk, and I prefer to get on with it. It's a great career, being a professional footballer, but you need to be playing games and that's why I'm here.

You mentioned Brian McDermott. He has obviously left Reading now, does that affect the way you look at your future?

Not really. I have had no contact from Reading apart from a text message saying what was going on at the club. I won't be calling back to find out what the situation is. I'm very happy being here. I understand if a new manager comes in, then I might get a call but I'm not looking for it. I came here to play games and achieve something with the Club.

Were you surprised to see the change at the top?

I'm surprised over the timing as much as anything else. When you are down at the bottom, fighting relegation, there is always going to be speculation that a manager might go. It's just with so few games left, I think that is what would have surprised a lot of people - including the lads at Reading.

Is that a sign of how desperate Reading are to stay in the Premier League, with a new owner in place there this season?

If I was an owner of a Premier League club and I thought we were in trouble, I'd probably look to make a change just before the January transfer window opens. That gives a new man the chance to come in and make changes. I'm not sure what Reading can achieve, changing things around now but the decision has been made and that is the owner's right. It's a shame because the manager and his assistant, Nigel Gibbs, who has also gone, are top people.



You had your first 90 minutes as a Town player in last weekend's draw at Peterborough. What did you make of the game?

It's a tough place to go and they can hurt you with the way they play in midfield, but the way we were set up was first class. We did what the gaffer wanted and it stopped them playing and we had the better chances. Their 'keeper made some great saves but we did enough to have won the game.

What was your fitness like at the end?

I was a little nervous. Even at 29, I felt like that. I think you do for your first game at a new club but I really enjoyed it. I started to feel it a bit later in the second-half but I was delighted the gaffer kept me on for 90 minutes. You want that as a player. It was my first full game since December and I feel better for it.

Did you see enough in that 90 minutes to see Town playing Championship football next season?

Definitely. I know Ipswich had a tricky start to the season but since the gaffer has come in, I think Ipswich would be seventh in the

table if you take the results just from when he arrived. That shows what the squad is capable of but we're in a battle at the bottom and the reality is that we have to make sure we do enough to stay up. Then the Club can look to move forward. It's certainly got the right man in charge to make that happen.

"You can either dust yourself down and get on with it or sulk, and I prefer to get on with it"

As we mentioned, you went up with Reading last season. What's the secret to success in the Championship?

You need a bit of everything. You need luck to be on your side. There were so many times last season when we were up against it in our away games and we managed to nick a win from nowhere. Momentum is key as well. Any team that can get on a run can challenge.





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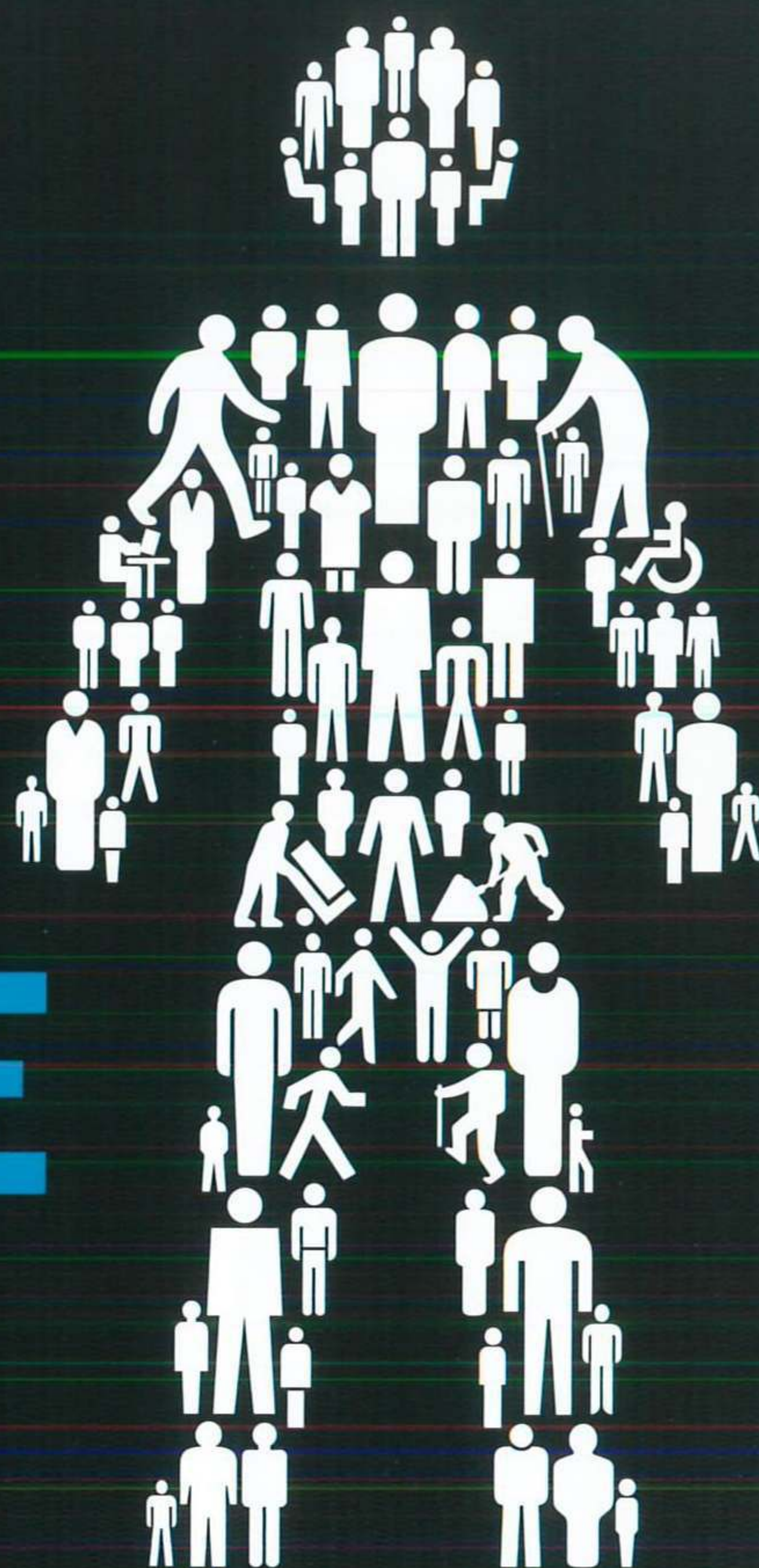
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Blues and Bhoys

Daryl Murphy discusses the challenges facing Town, why the Championship is tougher than the Premier League and why he won't be returning to Celtic in the summer...

Best and Worst with Patrick Kisnorbo

Best...

Best atmosphere witnessed?

▲ World Cup football.



Best sporting achievement?

▲ The paralympians are the real sporting greats.

Best holiday ever?

▲ Bali and Dubai.

Worst...

Worst thing on TV?

▼ *The Only Way Is Essex*.



Worst dressed team-mate during your career?

▼ Guirane N'Daw.

Worst thing you ever bought?

▼ A mobile phone.

Another high pressure game today, Daryl, against the in-form team in the Championship in Bolton who seemed to have adapted to football at this level now after dropping down last summer...

Yeah. It's going to be tough. They have really picked up lately. It's hard when you drop down from the Premier League. You have to adapt to going to different stadiums, smaller stadiums and certainly when we went down at Sunderland, we struggled. We lost our first four games and it was all doom and gloom. The Championship is a tough league to play in anyway and the clubs that came down last season seemed to find that out, but if you can get on a run, you can shoot up the table and that is what Bolton have done.

Obviously points are vital as we approach the last six or seven weeks of the season. Do you feel the pressure as players?

It is hard. No one wants to be down there fighting to avoid relegation but you have to get on with it and put the

"I'm probably one of the longest serving players here - on loan!"

pressures that go with the situation out of your mind. You have to stick together as a team and come matchday, give it your all. It's a team effort, you have to drive each other on.

We have certainly tightened up at the back recently. That helps...

It does. We have worked really hard on the defensive side of things and we are not conceding the goals we were earlier this season. The back five have been fantastic but we need to score more goals, we are well aware of that.

This is your third spell on loan at the Club. Have you thought about your future beyond the summer?

Not really. At the moment it's more important to focus on our position in the table and getting safe.

Once we have done that, when the season is over, then I can look at what's going to happen next year.

That can't be ideal for your family, not knowing what's around the corner?

It's not ideal because obviously I have been up and down between Sunderland, Celtic and here over the last few years. We've had to change schools and houses, that sort of thing and you really want to be settled. I think that helps a lot to get the best out of you as a footballer. I feel pretty settled here though, so let's see what happens. I'd certainly welcome the chance to remain here. I'm probably one of

"No one wants to be down there fighting to avoid relegation but you have to get on with it and put the pressures that go with the situation out of your mind"



the longest serving players here - on loan! I'd like to think something could be done but it's about the Club staying up first.

You are out of contract at Celtic in the summer, have you still got a future there?

No, I won't be going back there. I'm a free agent in the summer and will take things from there, but I don't see my future at Celtic. It's a great club but I'll be moving on.

They have had a fantastic season in Europe this year, haven't they?

They had a great run. The players did the club proud and they did so well getting through the Champions League group they were in. I watched both games against Juventus and they had their moments over the two legs, but Juventus were different class in the way they attacked on the counter.

Celtic will win the SPL title but have they missed Rangers?

You need that rivalry and passion in the league and that's not been there this season. I don't think there was any doubt that Celtic were going to win the league before a ball had been kicked and that situation is not great for Scottish football.

You certainly can't say the Championship lacks competition...

No it's a crazy league. I'm not sure why but it is. Maybe it's the amount of games you play. It's near enough two games a week and you need a big squad to cope because the workload can take its toll. It's probably more physically demanding than the Premier League. You just don't get any time on the ball in the Championship. As soon as you receive the ball, someone is in your face. You definitely get more time in the Premier League. The difference at that level is that if you make a mistake, you get punished for it.



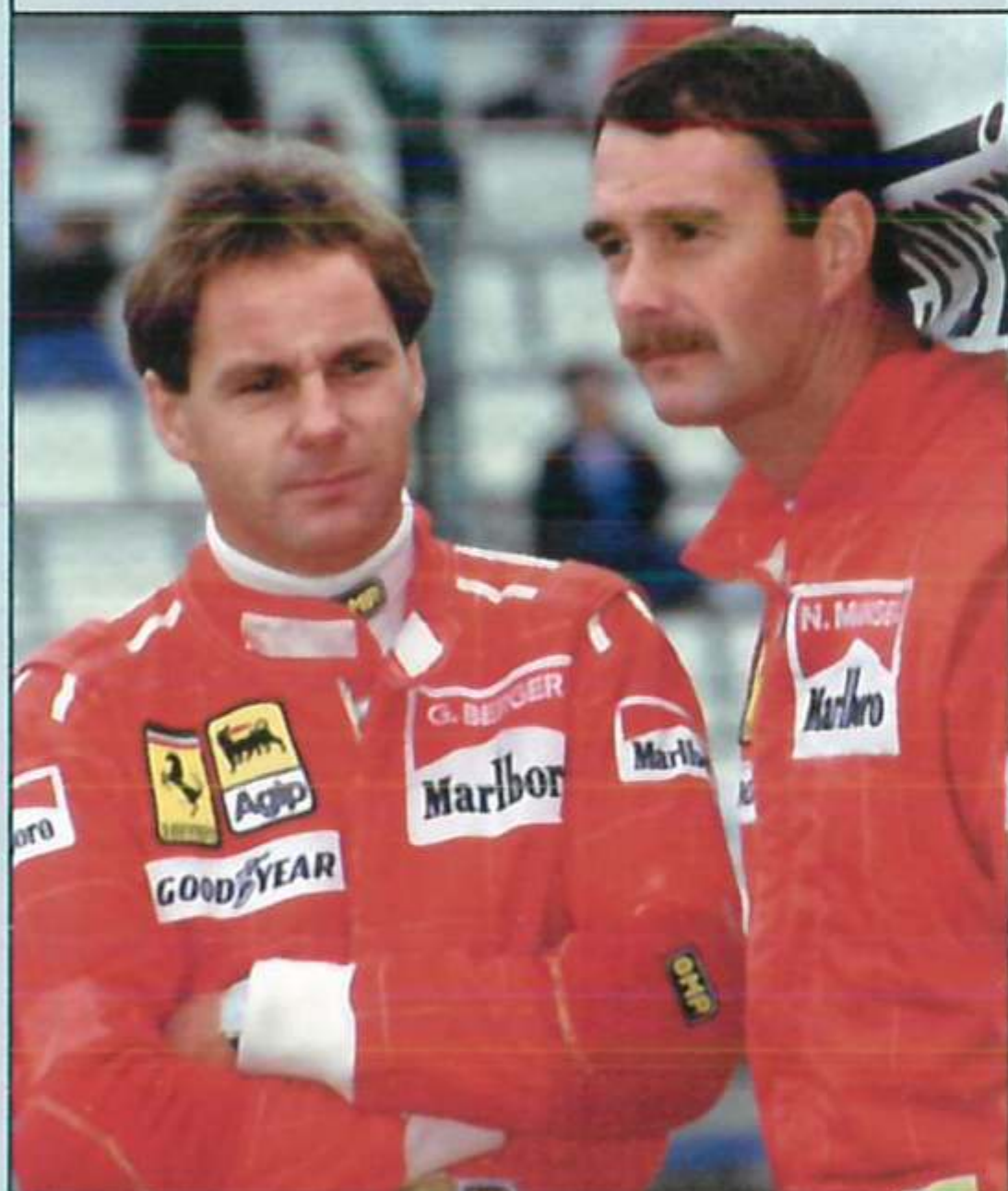


Turn back the clock

This season we have been looking up the history books to see what ground-breaking events occurred at the same time as the birth of a Town player. Today it's November 1987 when David McGoldrick was born...

In the world of sport

In the last two Formula One Grand Prix of the season, in Japan and Australia, Austrian Gerhard Berger won both in his Ferrari. Nelson Piquet won the Drivers' Championship, from Nigel Mansell. The Constructors' Championship was won convincingly by Williams-Honda for whom both Piquet and Mansell drove.



Manchester City beat Huddersfield 10-1 in the Second Division. Three players, Paul Stewart, David White and Tony Adcock, all scored hat-tricks!

Town won four games in a busy seven-game November. David Lowe scored five goals, outstripping Neil Woods and Mark Brennan, who scored two apiece.

Australian defender Andy Bernal made his Ipswich debut.

Australia beat England by seven runs to win the fourth Cricket World Cup, in Kolkata, India.

Elton John agreed to sell Watford to Robert Maxwell but the deal was vetoed since Maxwell was already the owner of Derby County.

Abdul Qadir took 9-56 in the first innings of the first Test match against England in Lahore. He finished the match with 13-101 as Pakistan won by an innings and 87 runs. To this day, it is the best bowling performance in a single innings between the two nations.



On stage and screen



Eamonn Andrews, long-time presenter of *This Is Your Life*, died aged 64.

T'Pau displaced the Bee Gees' You Win Again at the top of the singles charts with China In Your Hand.

Richard Attenborough's Cry Freedom, about South African journalist Donald Woods, was released in the UK. It received three Oscar nominations.

TV's *Play Your Cards Right*, hosted by Bruce Forsyth, ended its first spell after eight years. It has been revived on more than one occasion since.



"Elton John agreed to sell Watford to Robert Maxwell but the deal was vetoed since Maxwell was already the owner of Derby County"

National and international



A British Rail InterCity 125 train breaks the diesel world record, reaching a speed of just under 150 mph.

Eleven people were killed in an IRA bombing at Enniskillen at a Remembrance Day service.

The King's Cross underground fire takes 31 lives and leads to a phasing out of wooden escalators on the London Underground.

Zhao Ziyang is succeeded by Li Peng as China's Premier.

Typhoon Nina hit the Phillipines, over 1,000 were reported killed.

McFly's Dougie Poynter was born a day after Town's David McGoldrick.

Vincent Van Gogh's 'Irises' sold at Sotheby's for a world record £27m.

Fleetwood Mac's *Tango In The Night* began the month on top of the album charts, and was replaced by a string of short-lived chart toppers during the month including George Michael's *Faith*, T'Pau's *Bridge of Spies* and Rick Astley's *Whenever You Need Somebody*.



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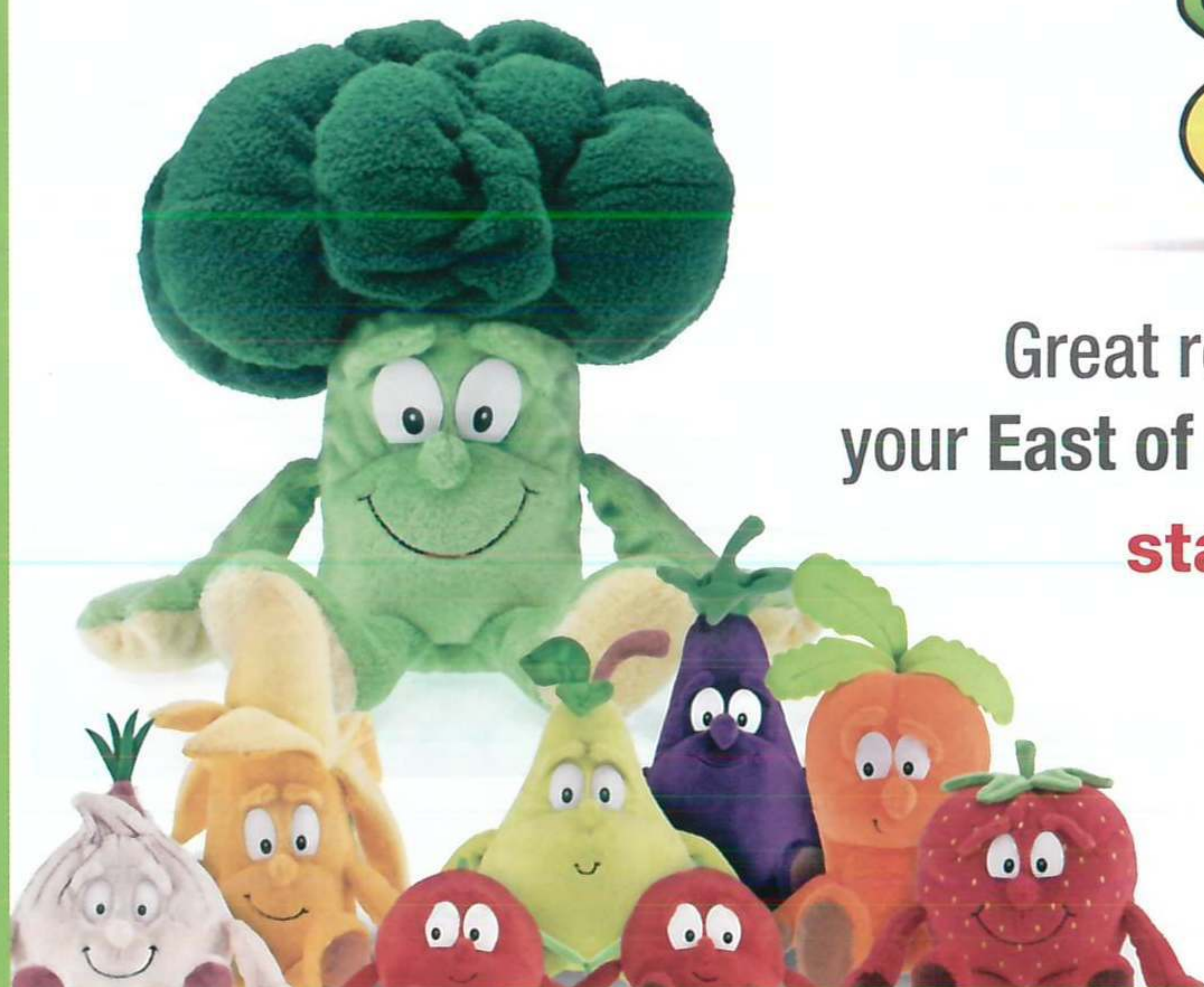
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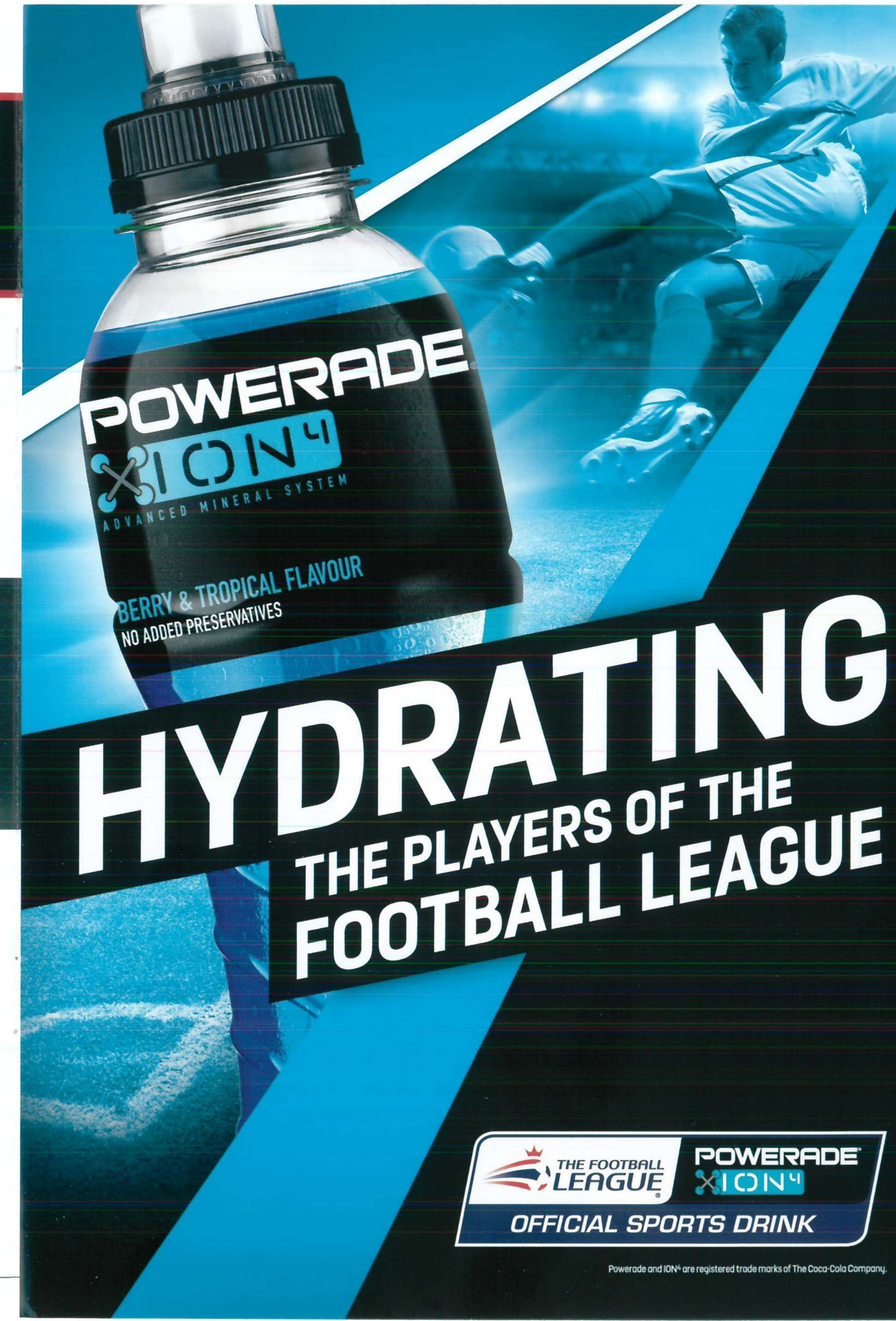
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Junior Blues

Julie Bryant, leader of the coolest gang in Town, the Junior Blues, has a word with Woody, provides the lowdown on Bolton and has another prize to be won...



Today's mascots

Town mascots

FINNAN SEYMOUR

Age: 9

Fave player:

Michael Chopra

Score: Town 2

Wanderers 1



JAKE SALTER

Age: 7

Fave player:

Luke Chambers

Score: Town 2

Wanderers 0



JACOB LESLIE

Age: 7

Fave player: All of them

Score: Town 3

Wanderers 1



Bolton mascot

JORDAN HARVEY O'CONNELL

Age: 12

Fave player: Kevin Davies

Score: Town 1

Wanderers 4



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Find the players

Hidden in the grid are 11 footballers that play for Bolton Wanderers FC. We have given you the names to search for but can you find them?

MEARS (Tyrone), MILLS (Matt), ANDREWS (Keith), KNIGHT (Zat), DAVIES (Kevin), VELA (Joshua), SORDELL (Marvin), AFOBE (Benik), SPEARING (Jay), HOLDEN (Stuart), BOGDAN (Adam).



Namco competition

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The word on Anthony

Anthony Wordsworth, nicknamed Woody, signed a two and a half year contract for Ipswich Town in January 2013.

He is a midfielder, and the owner of the number 14 shirt. He joined Ipswich Town

from Colchester United where he played for a number of years as he progressed through their Academy system. To help us get to know him a little better we went to meet him to ask about his daily routine. This is what he told us:

What time do you normally get up?

I get up at 7am and eat my breakfast at 7.30am.

What is your first drink of the day?

My first drink is tea.

Do you read the newspapers?

Yes, I read them at the training ground.

Before heading to training is there anything else that you normally do?

I normally spend time with my son.

How long does it take you to travel to the training ground?

It takes me 35 minutes to get to the training ground.

Are you usually amongst the first or the last to arrive at training?

I'm usually one of the last.

Which of your team-mates do you think works hardest in training?

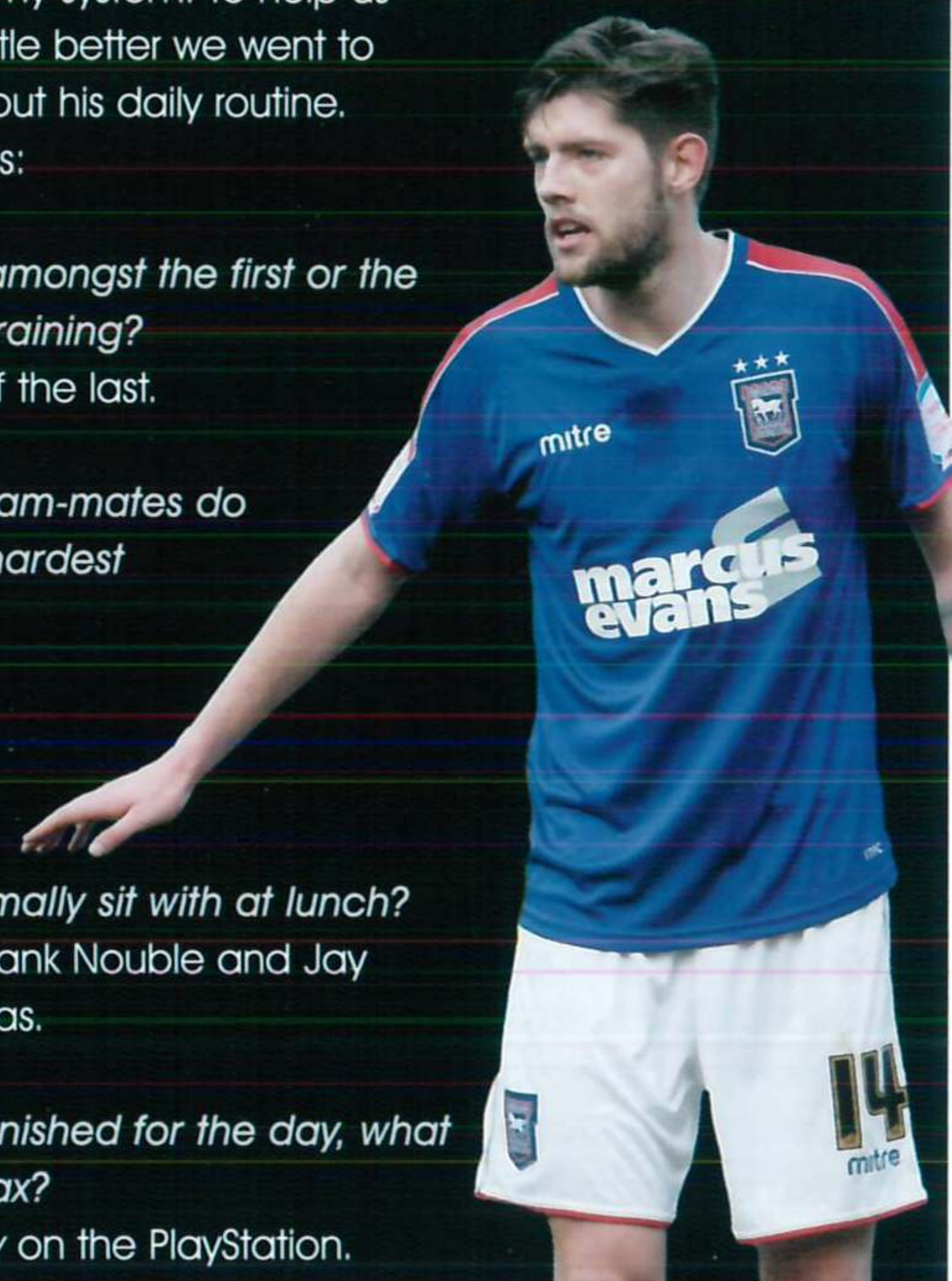
I would say that Luke Hyam works the hardest.

Who do you normally sit with at lunch?

I usually sit with Frank Nouble and Jay Emmanuel-Thomas.

After training is finished for the day, what do you do to relax?

I play Call of Duty on the PlayStation.



Junior Blues postbag

Here is a look at some of the letters, pictures and comments that we have received from you lately.

We really enjoy reading them and we pass all of your messages on to the players.

Thank you for the honour to be a Junior Blues mascot

It was such a privilege to be a mascot for the best team in the world - Ipswich. My entire family had a fantastic time and we thoroughly enjoyed looking at the photos of the day. Thank you for all of the team who welcomed and looked after me during the day, I felt so special.

This event fulfilled a family dream of three generations to be on the Portman Road pitch. A game never to forget leading the team out to battle against Middlesbrough winning 4-0. I even appeared on a Sky Sports news video for a millisecond.

Thank you to Carlos Edwards for kindly giving me some Ipswich gloves on that very cold day which I wear to school every day. My trophy and signed banner are on show next to my posters.

I look forward to future events with Junior Blues

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Reuben

Thank you for inviting me to be a mascot. I really enjoyed it! I liked walking out with the team.

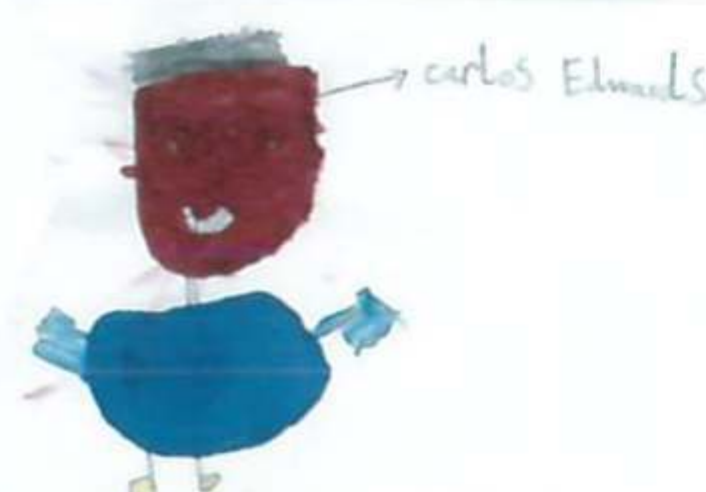
From Daniel

To the Ipswich team

Thank you for a brilliant day. I loved walking onto the pitch with Richard Seaman. It was so exciting. I love foot ball. Great Score!

From Frank

age 5



Dear Julie,

Thank you very much for your hospitality and your time on Saturday for the family v.s. Middlesbrough game. Frank really enjoyed his day and was very pleased to meet the players especially Carlos Edwards and Richard Seaman, who we walked out with. Please can you thank them for me?





The away end

Spotlight on this afternoon's visitors, Bolton Wanderers, who are the form team in the Championship after a run of results that has seen them catapult from relegation candidates to dark horses for promotion...

Bolton step out at Portman Road this afternoon still hoping to gatecrash the Championship Play-Off places.

That looked a distant dream at the start of February as the Trotters floundered near the foot of the table, but an eight-game unbeaten run - including five successive victories - has seen Dougie Freedman's side shoot up the table.

The ex-Crystal Palace boss was appointed Wanderers' manager at the end of October after the club parted company with Owen Coyle.

He ticked the correct boxes of the Trotters' hierarchy, having led Palace up the Championship table early this season with another eight-game unbeaten run which included six victories.

Given the Londoners' lofty position in the table and Bolton stuck in 18th place at the time - form which had cost Coyle his job - eyebrows were raised when Freedman headed north to take charge of a side that lost their top flight status after 11 years last season.

"There is an impressive set-up and structure in place and a first-team squad of undoubted quality," countered Freedman, 38, who had been in charge of Palace for 21 months, taking over from ex-Town boss George Burley in January 2011. "Traditionally Bolton is a big club and have a chairman that really made me feel wanted.

"All the tools are here to succeed and I owe it to myself and my family to grab that opportunity when it was put in front of me. I'm not the kind of guy who sits back and likes a pat on

the back when he's done well. I like a challenge, I like something that excites me and when I met the chairman he sold the club to me."

That challenge in the short term was turning round the club's poor form in the Championship and, prior to February, the side had won just four League games under Freedman's tenure.

There is little doubt the side had been underachieving, given the number of players in the squad with top flight experience: Zat Knight, Sam Ricketts, Jay Spearing, David N'Gog, Kevin Davies and Chris Eagles to name just six.

Ex-Town loanee Keith Andrews has also been an important member of the team and now he's got his feet under the table and implemented his ways, Freedman is getting the best out of his squad.

"To maintain any interest as a season comes to a close you have to perform the way we have been doing over the last six or seven games," said the Bolton boss.

"I trust these players, they are a good group to work with and football is all about how you respond to setbacks."

Wanderers' successive wins have come against high-flying Hull [4-1], Peterborough [1-0], Blackburn [1-0] and Brighton [1-0] at home, likewise Barnsley 3-2 away.

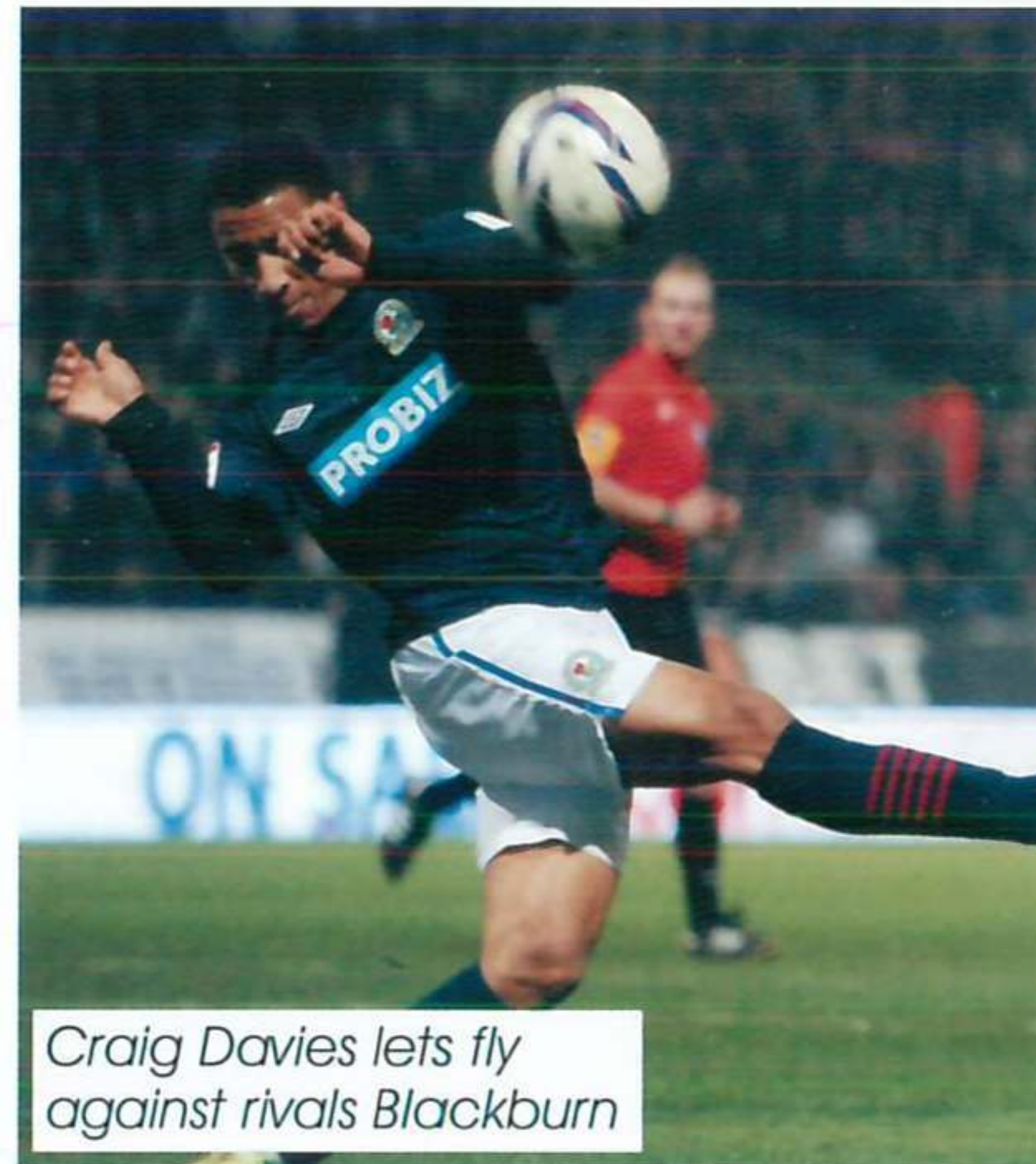
Victory against Gus Poyet's Seagulls last Saturday saw Bolton move to within just three points of sixth place, but Freedman is refusing to play up his side's chances.

"I know it's an old cliché but I'm not interested in what's up or down,"

he said after a Marco Alonso strike separated the sides. "I said that a few weeks ago when a few people were questioning me about relegation - I thought they were crazy. I didn't think it was a question I should have had.

"We have now come to an end of two games per week and that period has been very profitable in terms of points but now we will look in training to consolidate.

"We will be focusing on drills and exercises to ensure we keep the players in peak condition."



Craig Davies lets fly against rivals Blackburn

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Last season: 18th (relegated)

"I'm not the kind of guy who sits back and likes a pat on the back when he's done well. I like a challenge"

Meet the gaffer Dougie Freedman

He started his career in London, didn't he?

That's right, he was a trainee with QPR before making his League bow with Barnet. He netted 24 goals in his one and only season with the Bees before joining Crystal Palace for £800,000 in September 1995.

He made quite an impression with the Eagles, right?

He banged in another 20 goals in 1995/96 which included the club's second fastest ever hat-trick - in just 11 minutes - against Grimsby. He later helped Palace to the top flight but he only managed seven Premier League outings before being sold to Wolves in October 1997.



So, back in the second tier again?

That's right, but he stayed for less than year, joining newly-promoted Nottingham Forest in August 1998 for £950,000. He again had a crack at the top level but the City Ground club lost their status and he eventually returned to Palace in 2000, where he remained for eight years.

What were the highlights of his second spell at Selhurst Park?

His goal against Huddersfield saved the club from going into the third tier in his first season back, and he gained 21 goals the following season which earned him Scotland caps. He helped the club into the Premier League in 2004 and took his tally for the club to over 100 goals.



Didn't he go out on loan towards the end?

Yes, to Leeds, before joining Southend permanently in 2008. It was at Roots Hall where he started coaching and in March 2010 he left the Shrimpers to return to Palace as assistant manager to Paul Hart.

When did he get the job permanently?

He remained as assistant following the appointment of George Burley and when the ex-Town boss lost his job in January 2011, Freedman took the reins. Last season he led the side to safety, while famously beating Manchester United in the Carling Cup at Old Trafford.

And so to Bolton...

Appointed on October 25 last year, he was unbeaten in his first full month in charge - the first time the Trotters had achieved such a feat in two years.



Bolton and Ipswich have met 34 times, with Town narrowly ahead 14 to 13 wins.

The last meeting at Portman Road was back in January 2005 when two Henrik Pedersen goals helped the visitors to a 3-1 FA Cup win.

Wanderers' last success at this level was in 2001 when they beat Preston 3-0 to win the First Division Play-Off final.

Chris Eagles is the club's top scorer with seven goals this season. He has also made the most assists in the division (12).



Bolton's historic rivalry is with Bury but they also have a derby date with fellow Championship side Blackburn and Premier League Wigan.

Bolton's first competitive - and Premier League - match at their Reebok Stadium home was a 0-0 draw against Everton in September 1997.

Zat's the way to do it!

Bolton defender Zat Knight reveals what it has taken for Wanderers to turn around their form from relegation candidates to promotion contenders over recent weeks...

Traditionally there is one team in the Championship that puts together a late run of results and surges through the division to win promotion.

Hull and Blackpool are recent exponents while last season Reading found themselves 23rd in the table, only to win 17 of their final 23 games to go up as champions.

This season, Bolton are being tipped as the dark horses among the pack, having galloped up the division recently on the back of five straight victories.

Relegated from the Premier League, the Trotters struggled in the early part of this season - form which cost Owen Coyle his job in October - but according to Zat Knight, the team have found their mojo again under new boss Dougie Freedman.

"It would be fair to say that following relegation, we struggled with the division early on," the defender told the matchday programme. "A few months earlier, we'd been playing the likes of Chelsea, Arsenal and Manchester United, and now all of a sudden we were playing teams in the Championship.

"Maybe we thought we would just turn up and win games but we soon

discovered that it wouldn't be that easy. On top of that we had to adjust to playing Tuesday, Saturday, Tuesday and it was a tough introduction. It was a harsh lesson for us, but from a positive point of view at least our poor results came early in the season, and I was saying when we were down in the bottom five or six that as long as promotion was mathematically possible, we had to maintain our belief that we could still challenge."

A change of manager meant the players had to endure another



The Trotters' squad

Goalkeepers

Player	Age	Previous club
Adam Bogdan	25	Vasas
Andy Lonergan	29	Leeds
Rob Lainton	23	
Jay Lynch	19	

Defenders

Tyrone Mears	29	Burnley
Marcos Alonso	21	Real Madrid
Matt Mills	26	Leicester
Tim Ream	25	New York Red Bulls
Zat Knight	32	Aston Villa
Sam Ricketts	31	Hull

Joe Riley	21	
David Wheeler	25	Middlesbrough
Adam Blakeman	20	
Craig Dawson	22	West Brom (loan)
Alex McQuade		

Midfielders

Chris Eagles	26	Burnley
Keith Andrews	32	West Brom
Gregg Wylde	21	Rangers
Mark Davies	24	Wolves
Jay Spearing	23	Liverpool (loan)
Darren Pratley	27	Swansea
Stuart Holden	27	Houston Dynamos

Joshua Vela	18	
Chung-Yong Lee	24	FC Seoul
Joe McKee	20	Burnley
Stephen De Ridder	26	Southampton (loan)

Strikers

David Ngog	23	Liverpool
Kevin Davies	35	Southampton
Marvin Sordell	21	Watford
Craig Davies	27	Barnsley
Tom Eaves	21	Oldham
Sanmi Odelusi	19	

"The good thing to come out of this run is the belief that we all have in each other"

transition and early results under the former Crystal Palace boss were tepid as he stamped his own mark on the squad.

"With the new manager coming in, there was a change in our preparation for games and our style of play, and it was always going to take time to adjust," added the former Aston Villa and Fulham centre-half. "I would say we are more disciplined now, in terms of how we are working as a team, whereas before we played a bit more off the cuff.

"The manager has given us real desire and fight too, and has reiterated that we are good players - he's given us our belief back and it's shown these past seven or eight weeks."

With the runners and riders for promotion having all dropped points in recent weeks, Bolton are unbeaten in eight games. They sit just three points outside the top six and Knight, indeed, looks at the likes of Reading for inspiration.

"There is always a team who comes with a run and where we failed to put back-to-back wins together earlier in the season, it's now five on the spin and we are all enjoying our football," he added. "The good thing to come out of this run is the belief that we all have in each other.

"We know we've got good enough players to beat any team in this division and when you've got that trust in your teammates you can just concentrate on doing your own job well.

"We're in such a good run that we don't want the international break to come - we just want to carry on playing."

Knight has led by example, skipping the side in the absence of Kevin Davies this season. It's a far cry from last summer when his future was in doubt following relegation.

"I have to thank Owen Coyle for giving me the opportunity to come back," he added. "He gave me the chance to prove him wrong after the mistakes made last year - and that's not just me, that's the whole team.

"I came back determined to do just that and I've enjoyed playing week in, week out. To help the team to promotion, after where we were earlier in the season, would be one of my greatest achievements and I still believe we can do it."

Wanderers will have to overcome a Town side desperate for points for completely different reasons and he admits that will make Mick McCarthy's side dangerous opponents.

"It will be a tough game," he concluded. "We know what Ipswich are capable of after they beat us at the Reebok Stadium. When people have written them off they've come back with a good result and that makes them dangerous."

Watch out for

Chris Eagles



The winger came through the ranks at Watford before joining Manchester United at the age of 14. He made his United debut in October 2003 against

Leeds, before scoring his first goal for the Reds in a 4-2 victory at Everton in 2007. With opportunities limited he joined Burnley in July 2008 and was a key member of the side that won promotion to the Premier League the following season. He then followed Claret's boss Owen Coyle to Bolton, joining in July 2011, and he topped the club's assist charts last season. He was a virtual ever-present in 2011/12, making a total of 41 appearances and has carried on his consistency this term.

Adam Bogdan

Last season was a breakthrough year for the Hungarian stopper, as he emerged as No.1 for both club and country. He joined Bolton in 2007 from Hungarian side Vasas, but his Wanderers appearances had been few



and far between until January 2012 due to the consistency of Jussi Jaaskelainen. But when Jaaskelainen picked up an injury at the turn of the year, Bogdan stepped in and produced a string of fine performances to ensure he kept his place in the starting line-up. Having been given his opportunity, he grabbed it with both hands and further rose to prominence when he kept out a Wayne Rooney penalty at Old Trafford. His form was so impressive that he went on to be named Player of the Year at the Reebok last term.

Kevin Davies



The former Chesterfield, Southampton and Blackburn man has spent more time on the bench these past couple of seasons, but remains a dangerous asset to the side with

his aerial presence and experience. The club captain has still racked up 37 appearances this term, netting six goals, and has proved to be something of a father figure to the young strikers in the side, such as Marvin Sordell and David Ngog. In October 2010 he picked up his one and only England cap, in a Euro 2012 qualifier against Montenegro.

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Trotters by numbers

The facts and figures on the visitors from the Reebok Stadium with million pound paintings, Peter Shilton, Vernon Kay and Fabrice Muamba all getting a mention...



2 titles won by the London Warriors American Football side, who boast the services of Bolton celebrity fan Vernon Kaye.

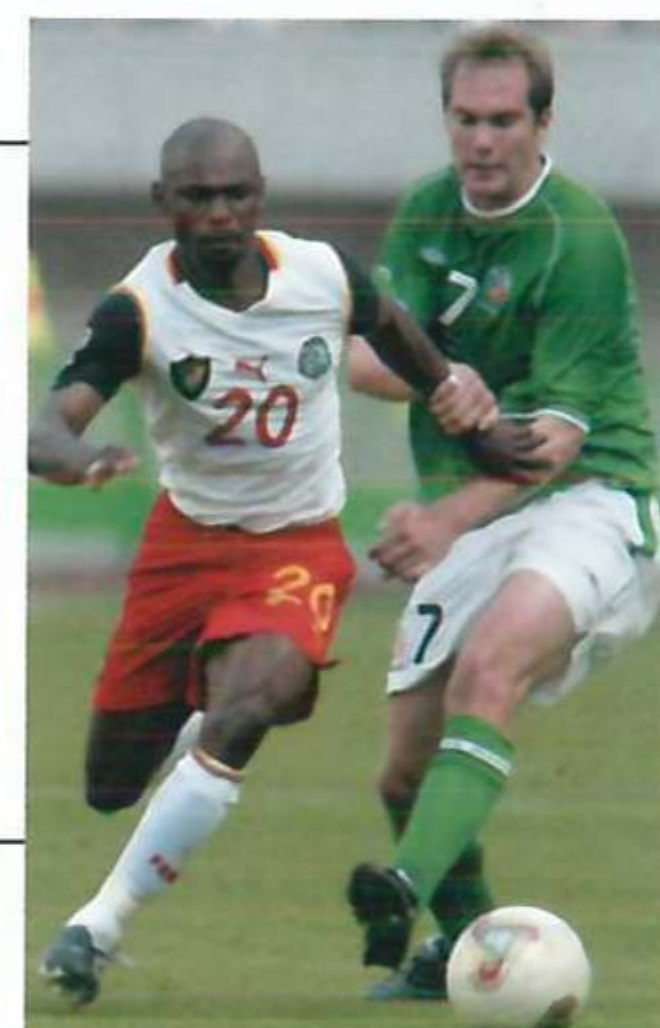
78 minutes was the length of time Fabrice Muamba's heart had stopped for following his cardiac arrest on the pitch against Tottenham last season.



278 career appearances made by Stephen Clemence, brother-in-law of Bolton boss Dougie Freedman.

11 years the club had been playing before it became a founder member of the Football League in 1888.

14 players have appeared in World Cup finals while Bolton players, including Mark Fish (South Africa), Youri Djorkaeff (France) and Jason McAteer (Republic of Ireland).



1.9 million pounds was the fee the PFA paid for the LS Lowry painting 'Going to the Match' which depicts a scene from Bolton's old ground, Burnden Park.

45 years and 239 days was Peter Shilton, when he became Bolton's oldest player in 1995.



14 England caps won by Eddie Hopkinson, who made a record 578 appearances for Bolton.

72 years Bolton have spent in the top flight of English football without ever winning the title, which is a record.



4 Bolton players have left the club for fees in excess of £4.5m: Alan Thompson (Aston Villa), Jason McAteer (Liverpool), Gary Cahill (Chelsea) and Nicolas Anelka (Chelsea).



15 miles separate Bolton from their close divisional rivals Blackburn.

18 games played by the club in the UEFA Cup, losing just two - against Marseille and Sporting Lisbon.

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our recent Disability Player Development fixture day at Norwich was a great chance to see our players compete in fixtures for the first time. Well done to Sam Kerruish, Sam Watton, Harry Pett, Joshua Wightman, Charlie Nott, Stephen Farr, Owen Hickman, Ricardo Layne and Hayden Thornhill. It was a great day and we are looking forward to the next one.



our Charity Ball is less than a week away and we have just a handful of tickets left. Join us in the Sir Bobby Robson Suite for a great night out and help raise much needed funds for ITFC Charitable Trust. Call Parker Communications on (01473) 636983.

Did You Know? In January we began working with our second group of Coaching and Leadership Apprentices. This programme offers young people the opportunity to learn a variety of sport leadership skills, combined with an education package. The course combines a weekly academic day with us and supporting Trust coaches as they undertake duties in local schools and football activities locally too.



Louise Parnell is the latest to sign up to become a volunteer for us. Next month she's taking part in the Virgin London Marathon to also help fundraise for us. Her training is going exceptionally well with Louise already running 20 miles each week. Go Louise! If you'd like to find out more or help by sponsoring her check out www.justgiving.com/Louise-ITFC.



our latest Team recruits 'Team 6' are working hard. As part of their Team Community Project the group of 10 students are in the process of redecorating the changing rooms and main corridor of the Beccles Sports Pavilion in Common Lane. They even fundraised locally for 150 to buy the paint. A brilliant performance all round!

Achieving goals together

The Matt Holland Column

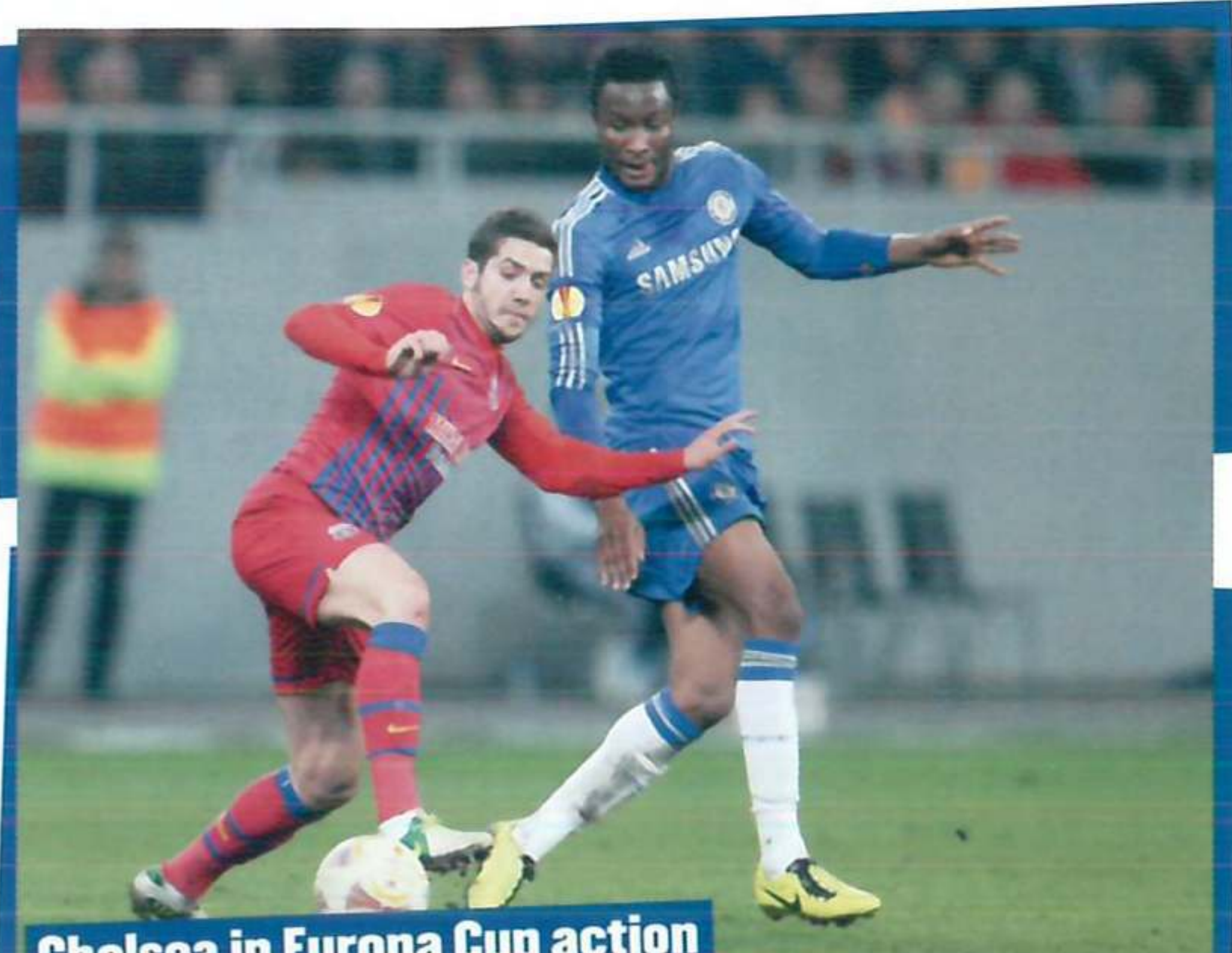
PATRON, THE ITFC CHARITABLE TRUST (& ITFC Legend)

Matt on making a late surge for the Play-Offs...

Shout of Africa!

I was out in Ireland last week, working for Setanta, covering the Europa League alongside Dennis Wise.

We did the Newcastle and Chelsea games and the highlights of the Spurs game, so it was six hours in the studio plus we had a flight delay first thing due to an incident on the runway at Dublin, so it was a long old day!



Chelsea in Europa Cup action



Talking of flying, I know the Trust are off to Africa sometime soon. Milts (Simon Milton) went to Kenya two years back and really enjoyed it.

Achieving goals together



“ I have seen the Trust’s articles about it and it looks like a brilliant project to be involved with ”

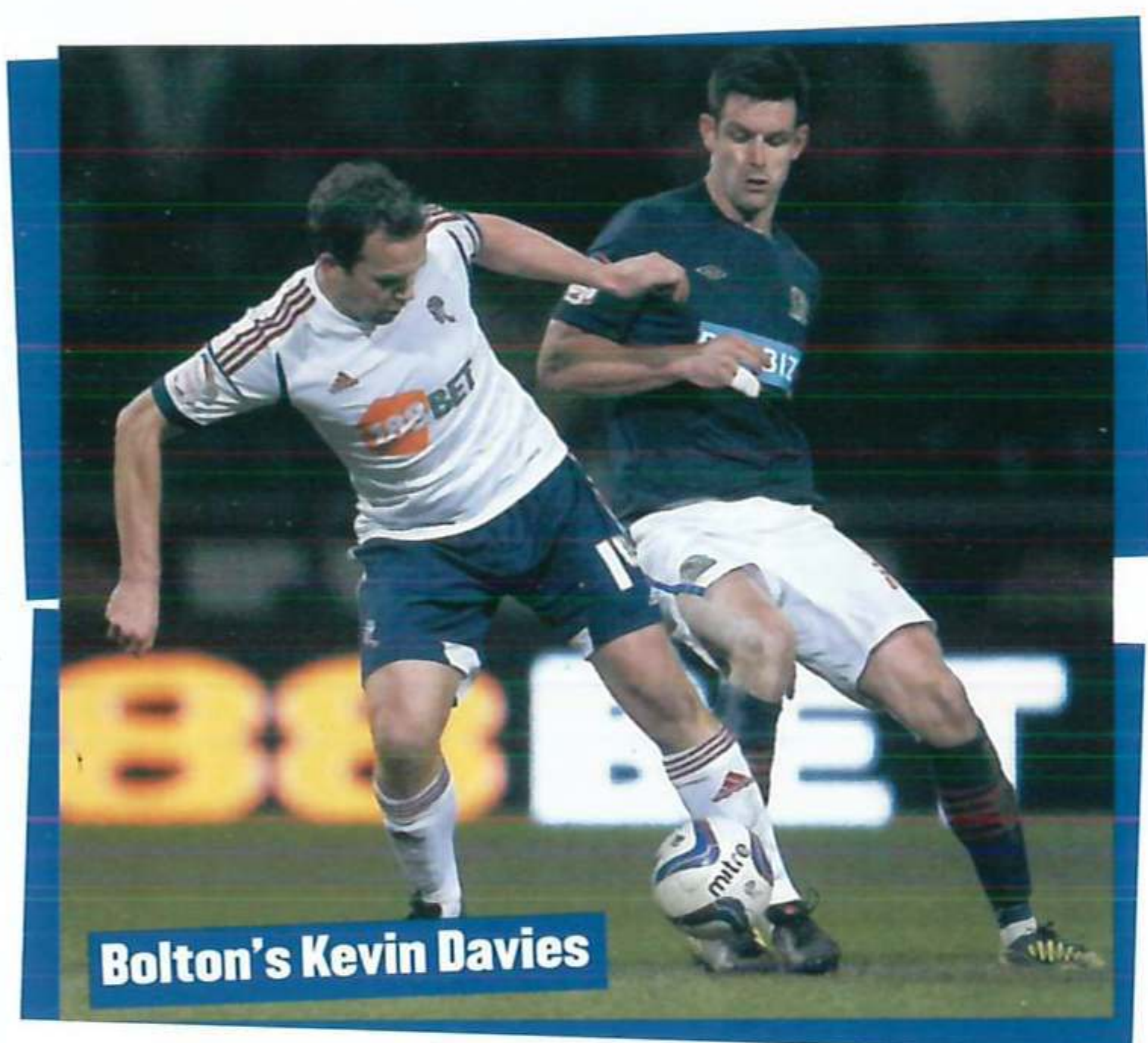
I have seen the Trust’s articles about it and it looks like a brilliant project to be involved with. I think I would consider going myself if I had the time to do it, so maybe in the future.



A look at Bolton

Bolton have found a good run of form and were one of my tips for the top two this season.

I looked at their squad and thought they were good enough to get back up after their relegation. Owen Coyle paid the price with his job after a slow start but Dougie Freedman has gone in there and done well.



Bolton's Kevin Davies

I know one of his assistants, coach Curtis Fleming, and saw him a couple of weeks ago. He said it took a little while for the players to get the new ideas but he felt they were getting there and taking on board what the new manager and his team are trying to get across.

There's been evidence of that in the past month with five wins on the spin and they are now looking at the Play-Offs, which a month ago looked a distant dream. There's always one who makes a break from the pack late on, has a bit of a run and gets themselves into the Play-Offs and it could be Bolton.

It's going to be a difficult game for Town. Bolton have a lot to play for, trying to get back into the Premier League. That's why the Play-Offs are such a good thing; there are no dead games and it keeps the season alive right to the very end.



Top tweets



**Tweets that
have caught the
eye of the Trust**

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@IpswichHandball A massive thanks to @louisejukes for her training session this evening. Great to see how much progress we've made over just a few weeks

@doofus_68 @louisejukes @sportingchamp1 @ipswichhandball It was a great session my daughter really enjoyed it. Thx for coming and taking it

@Nicpandolfi @oursteph I have fired my stylist

@georgiebingham And can anyone please tell me how between coming off air last night and getting up 5 hours later I've got a huge bruise on my shin?

@ITFC_Trust Our glittering fundraising ball is less than 2 weeks away and we have just 2 tables left! Fancy dinner, dancing & @MichaelJFitch? 22nd March

@mattholland8 'Late Kick-Off' is back across the regions this Sunday night - so stay tuned for all your Football League news, action & goals. #bbcfootball

@georgiebingham We just googled pictures of Brian McDermott. That man had a fine FINE head of hair on him a few years back

@Nicpandolfi a missing Chicken on the streets of Ipswich @Town102 Breakfast - it's all go here

@livewellsuffolk: We have our mens free FitFans weight management group at @ITFC_Trust in Ipswich Thursdays 12.30 -2pm

@mattholland8 Massive congratulations to @QofS_Official on their 1000th episode. A real privilege to have appeared on the show @matt9dawson @philtufnell

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Supporting Cast

The latest news from the Supporters' Club with details of a big day for Blues fans from home and abroad and another red letter day in the diary as the awards are handed out...

The word from Liz



Supporters' Club chair Liz Edwards reflects on a special day in the calendar of Ipswich Town fans...

There hasn't been a lot to celebrate on the pitch in recent seasons but off the pitch the Supporters' Club continues to grow, both at home and abroad. Within today's matchday programme is a special feature on activities from several of our branches at home and overseas.

The Supporters' Club is continuing to add new events each season to give every Town fan an opportunity to meet and quiz Club officials.

I spend a lot of time with fans of other clubs from across the country, and they are amazed at how often, and in how many ways, ITFC engages with our fanbase, including players, staff and management.

I do appreciate that many fans simply want to turn up, maybe have a social drink with pals and go to a game. But many others want to be more actively involved in ITFC, to challenge the management team and get a better understanding of how the Club works.

Most events, of course, take place in Ipswich, but we do recognise that ITFC has a very far-reaching fanbase. We recently held a midweek social event at Bury Town FC, so fans in West Anglia could meet Luke Chambers, Daryl Murphy and Simon Milton.

Early next month, we are running a similar event in Brantham, near Manningtree, with players and Milts also being joined by new Club MD Ian Milne.

There will be a similar event in London (midweek evening so commuters can join us too), details to be advised.

But one thing that brings pretty much all Town fans together is a home match. So, a few years ago, we decided to hold an annual Supporters' Day, with events based around a game, and all designed to give fans from near and far a chance to get to know each other, meet first-team players and quiz the Club's management.

This year is our largest event yet. The programme of events is set out alongside this column and, even if you missed the lunchtime events, I hope you will join us in Legends Bar after the game today.

The day's timetable

This is our fourth annual Supporters' Day, where we give all Town fans a chance to meet Club management and players, plus take part in a number of other activities, all in a social setting.

At lunchtime we welcomed new MD Ian Milne and two first-team players to the Mulberry Tree pub on Woodbridge Road. They met with fans and took part in a question and answer session. For the first time, Radio Suffolk's football magazine programme *Life's a Pitch* broadcast live from the event.

We continue after the game with a range of activities in Legends Bar, with a bar extension to 7pm.

Come along and find out about the ITFC Charitable Trust's archive project - Town memorabilia will be on display with a chance to talk to Pat Godbold (secretary to Sir Alf and Sir Bobby!) and representatives from the archive project. Find out also how you can get involved and contribute to creating a record of our history.

There will also be special guest appearances from ex-players and a current first-team player, and a chance to pitch your skills against other Town fans on the Wii.

Oh, and the whole of the Wales v England egg-chasing fixture, climax to the Six Nations, will be shown on the screens.

See page 40-41 for more on the Supporters' Day.

Carlos Edwards received his AMP Holders award



Last season's compere, Terry Baxter, with The Beat



Player Awards Evening

This year's Player Awards Evening will be held at Portman Road in Legends Bar on Saturday April 27. The first-team squad and management will be joining us, and we'll be awarding the fans' Player of the Year Award plus a host of other trophies.

Tickets will be available soon and can be reserved now by contacting Liz Edwards on 07968 876504 or by email on itfc78@btinternet.com.

For more information see www.itfcsupporters.co.uk, www.itfc.co.uk and www.twtd.co.uk

50 up!

Congratulations to Town fans David and Dorothy Cole, from Barrow, near Bury St Edmunds, who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary today. With best wishes from Nigel, Jean, Geoff, Jane, Alfie and Martin.



Ipswich Icons

Wembley winners - Brian Talbot
and Clive Woods







Fan-to-see football!

As it's Supporters' Day at Portman Road, here's more from the ITFC Supporters' Club branches – with news from around the globe and much closer to home...

On the road

Following hot on the heels of the success of the 'ITFC on the road' event in Bury St Edmunds a couple of weeks ago, the next event is at the Brantham Bull (on the A137 between Tattingstone and Manningtree), on Monday, April 8, with doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

The event will welcome Club MD Ian Milne and other Club executives along with two first-team players, plus coaching staff, as well as master of ceremonies Simon

Milton, and will include a mix of Q&A, informal quizzes, photos and autograph opportunities, plus the chance to support the Academy through a raffle and auction of unique memorabilia.

Tickets are free of charge, and available from Liz Edwards (catch her in Legends after every daytime home game, by phone on 07968 876504 or by e-mail at itsc78@btinternet.com), or from Nigel Cole on 07729 833543 or 01284 766103, or by e-mail at nigelmartincole@btinternet.com.

King Carlos

The Italian branch voted Carlos Edwards their Player of the Year for 2012.

The trophy (pictured) will be presented today in Legends after the game.



Norwegian Blue

We are proud to have a great following from Norway and we welcome a group of our Norwegian fans to today's game.

It is wonderful to see a new generation of Norwegian Blues coming through, with 11-year-old Kasper at his first Ipswich game with dad Terje Schander.

Terje picks his dream Town team on page 43 in today's matchday programme.



WABITS farewell

The West Anglia branch of the Supporters' Club have an informal meeting on Tuesday, March 19 at 7.30pm at The Green Man in Liddlington.

This was the venue of the inaugural meeting of the West Anglia Branch. It is a chance to wave farewell to Martyn Elmy - the founder member and long-term upstanding resident of Liddlington - who is leaving Bedfordshire after many years of exile to return to Suffolk (well, Norfolk really, but within spitting distance if you stand on the border!).

Aussie welcome

A warm welcome to Ben Davis who is back at Portman Road for the first time in three years.

Ben used to be a season ticket holder in Churchmans (Sir Alf Ramsey Stand) before emigrating to Perth, Australia in 2008. He remains a Town fan though. He is quite sure that his 18-month-old son William, who is at his first game today, is following his dad's passion for Town.



Take the coach

The Bury St Edmunds branch of the ITFC Supporters' Club run a coach to all first-team home matches, picking up and dropping off at seven locations around Bury.

The fare is £6.00 return for adults and seniors, and £4.00 for U16s. Please contact Nigel Cole on (01284) 766103 or 07729 833543 for further details or visit the branch website at www.itfcsupportersburybranch.co.uk.

"It will be a good occasion to share our football passion in a friendly atmosphere!"



The Italian job

On Saturday, April 6, the first ITFC Italian Branch Trophy will be played for in Milan.

The five a-side tournament will be competed for by the Italian branch, the Italian Celts CSC (Celtic FC Italian supporters) and the PNE GBS (Preston North End Italian Supporters).

Simone Longo, Chair of the ITFC Italian branch says: "It will be a good occasion to share our football passion in a friendly atmosphere!"



Haverhill's Easter Egg Hunt

The Haverhill branch organises a number of fundraising events throughout the year to raise money to help towards the cost of coach travel to home games.



The next event is the annual Easter Egg Hunt which takes place at Kedington on Good Friday at 2pm. Last year's event raised £700 with over 400 people taking part. For more information contact Iain Ross on i.ross01@btinternet.com.



Darts wizard of Oz

The Australasian branch played host to Town fan and former World darts champion Keith Deller at a get-together in Adelaide.

Keith is far left in the photo and was at the event with his mate Dave Goldrick from Woolongong (*far right*). Also in the picture are Leo Chandoik (*middle right*) and chairman of the branch Ed Parker (*middle left*).



Fortuna following

A group of Fortuna Dusseldorf fans decided, back in January 2006, to have a bit of fun during their league's winter break – so they made their way to Portman Road to watch Town v Portsmouth.



That started a true partnership between Town and Dusseldorf fans, with the winter-break trip to see Ipswich continuing, and with Town fans making several journeys over to Germany in return.

The next trip is on May 11th to the Fortuna v FC Nürnberg game (ko 3.30pm local time). The photos show F95's last trip to the UK when 70 fans hired a huge coach and came over for the FA Cup game at Villa Park. Now 'F95' are our latest official Supporters' Club branch, with Ulli Münsterberg the contact.

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Fan-tasy Football



Terje Schander, of the Norwegian Branch of the Ipswich Town Supporters' Club, has been following Blues since the 1970s and says: "I've had the pleasure of meeting several of the players in my all-star team."

▼ RICHARD WRIGHT ►

A fantastic goalkeeper with an unique ability to save penalties, he was also like a tiger on the line. One of our best goalkeepers ever. He was very important for the team in the Play-Off final against Barnsley.



▼ GEORGE BURLEY

One of my favourites. A great player who was solid both as a defender and as an offensive weapon with his good crosses. He also became one of our best managers ever and got Ipswich promoted in 2000.



▲ ALLAN HUNTER

A tough defender who was one of the best players when Ipswich established themselves as one of the top clubs in English football in the seventies.



▲ KEVIN BEATTIE

An obvious choice, and a true legend. Sadly a lot of injuries shortened his career. He would definitely have had more games for both Ipswich and England without his injuries. Very tough and solid.

▼ MICK MILLS

The captain himself. Played almost 600 games for Ipswich, 591 to be precise. As a MBE for his services to football, he's an obvious choice for my team. He never let the team down.



▲ ARNOLD MUHREN

He was one of the best imports Ipswich have ever had. Bobby Robson wanted to play football through the midfield, and both Muhren and Frans Thijssen were exponents for that, so Arnold is an obvious candidate.



▲ JOHN WARK

A fantastic player with a genuine ability to score goals from his midfield position. No-one scored as many goals as him from that position. That was his trademark. A great personality who I have had the pleasure to meet twice.



▲ MATT HOLLAND

One of the Wembley heroes. What a player! His workrate, goalscoring abilities and his contribution to the team from the midfield was outstanding. The kind of player who gives everything he has got in every game.



▲ ERIC GATES

I have a special fondness for Eric Gates. A fantastic dribbler, and he also had 'a nose for goals'. A very important member of the team in the seventies and an important contributor to the UEFA Cup triumph.

► MARCUS STEWART ►

Another one of my favourites and his goals helped Ipswich to gain promotion back in 2000. He was brilliant in front of goal. Only Thierry Henry scored more goals in the Premier League in the 2000/01 season when Ipswich ended up in fifth place.



◀ PAUL MARINER

A complete striker. He was strong, and very good in the air. He won a lot of battles in the box and made a lot of goals with his good headers. A true legend like the rest of the team in the late seventies and early eighties.

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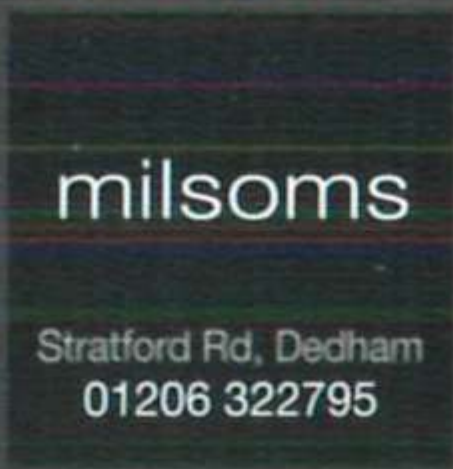
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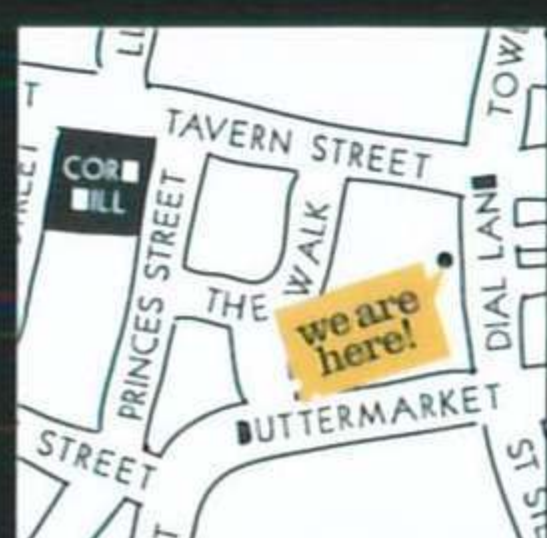
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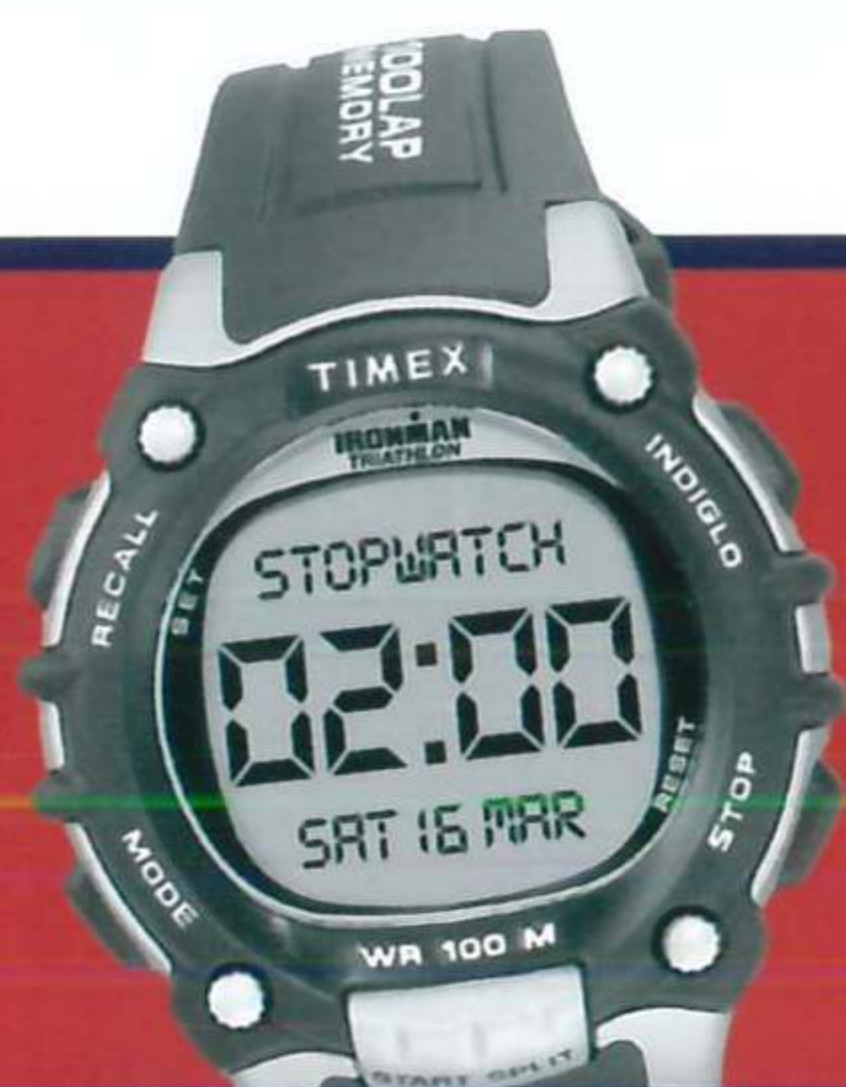
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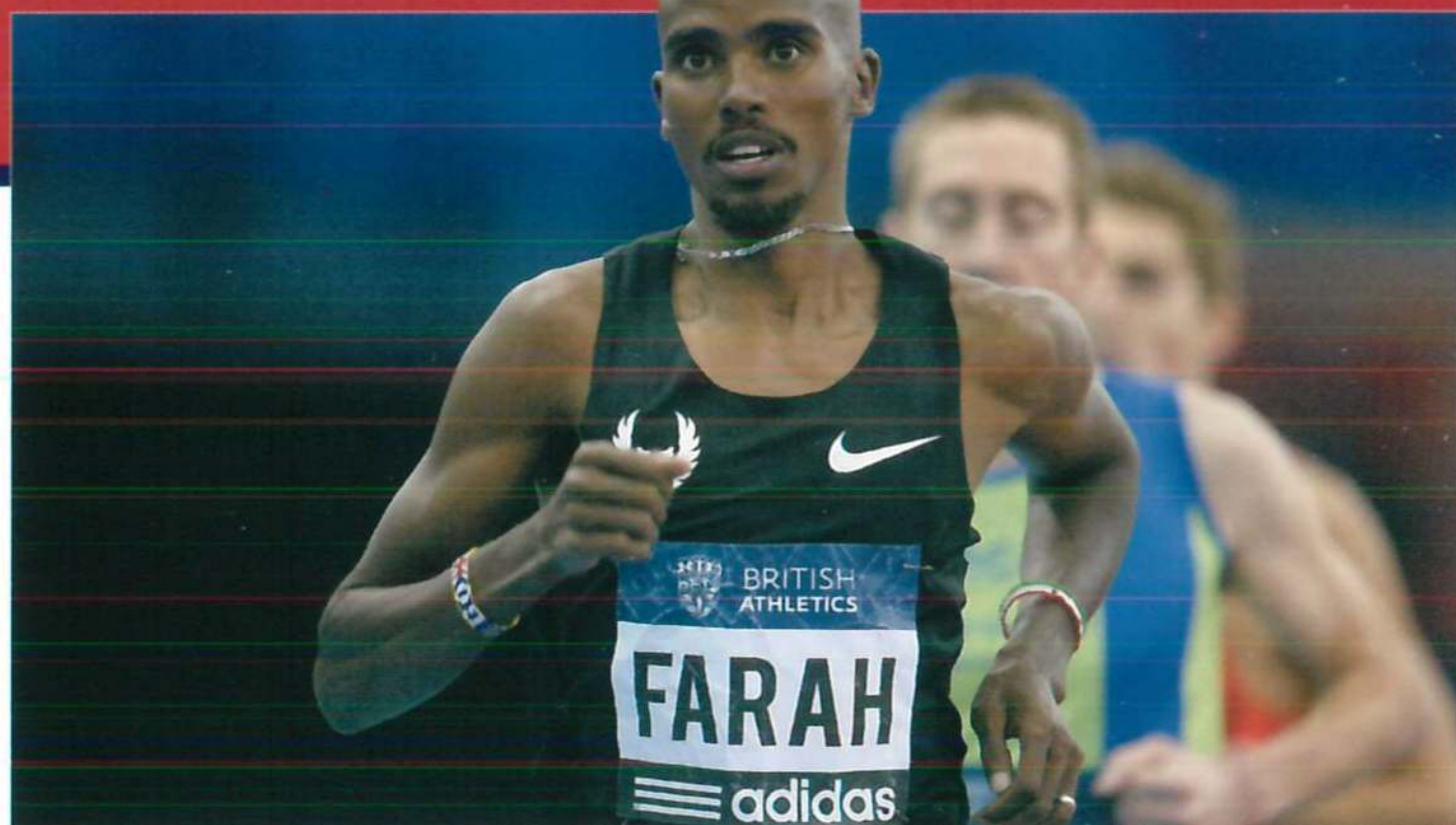
What boots do you wear?

Nike Vapours.



If you were to compete in an Olympic event other than football, what would it be?

Probably boxing.



What was the last film you saw?

Skyfall (left).



Which Town player has the worst dance moves/singing voice?

Jet. Just look at his Keeks!



What's the favourite item of clothing that you've ever owned?

My snood.



If you could play in any football team of any era, which one would you choose?

The Ipswich Championship winning team of 1961/62 (above).



Who is your choice as Sports Personality of the Year for 2013?

Mo Farah (top).



What needs to change for England to win the World Cup?

The rest of the teams need to play blindfolded!



If you could travel back in a time-machine to any major event, where would you choose?

Neil Armstrong landing on the moon (above).



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I'm having identical twins.





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Safe keeping

Stephen Henderson tells the matchday programme what's changed for the better at Portman Road in his second spell with Blues...

Stephen Henderson reckons he has joined a different team to the one he played in when he first became a Blue back in October.

The 24-year-old 'keeper is in his second spell with the Club on loan from West Ham, returning to Portman Road at the start of February, in a deal that will keep him at the Club until the end of the season.

Since lining up between the sticks again for Blues, he has conceded only four goals in seven games - and there lies the difference for the Republic of Ireland U21 international.

"We do look like a different side now to the one that played when I first came here," Hendo revealed to the matchday programme.

"Our goal difference is still embarrassing but it's not as embarrassing as it was!"

"We have played a settled back four and they deserve a lot of credit over recent weeks.

"In many of those games since I have been back here, I've haven't had much to do.

"We have worked very hard on the training ground on keeping our shape, on defending as a unit from front to back and that has paid off.

"We are looking pretty solid, without tempting fate, and the clean sheets have definitely been coming.

"As a goalkeeper, there is no better feeling than walking off the pitch after 90 minutes with your goal intact and three points in the bag.

"Our last home game against Leicester was a great example of that. Everyone did their job and we came away with a really good win - and it wiped out the memory of what they did to us up there a little bit.

"We don't look like conceding fives and sixes anymore and although our goal difference is still embarrassing, it's not as embarrassing as it was!"



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LETTER TO FOUNDER CLUBS

2nd March,

Every year it is becoming more and more difficult for football clubs of any standing to meet their friendly engagements and even arrange friendly matches. The consequence is that at the last moment, through cup-tie interference, clubs are compelled to take on teams who will not attract the public.

I beg to tender the following suggestion as a means of getting over the difficulty: that ten or twelve of the most prominent clubs in England combine to arrange home-and-away fixtures each season, the said fixtures to be arranged at a friendly conference about the same time as the International Conference

This combination might be known as the Association Football Union, and could be managed by representative from each club. Of course, this is in no way to interfere with the National Association; even the suggested matches might be played under cup-tie rules. However, this is a detail.

My object in writing to you at present is merely to draw your attention to the subject, and to suggest a friendly conference to discuss the matter more fully. I would take it as a favour if you would kindly think the matter over, and make whatever suggestions you deem necessary. I am only writing to the following – Blackburn Rovers, Bolton Wanderers, Preston North End, West Bromwich Albion, and Aston Villa, and would like to hear what other clubs you would suggest.

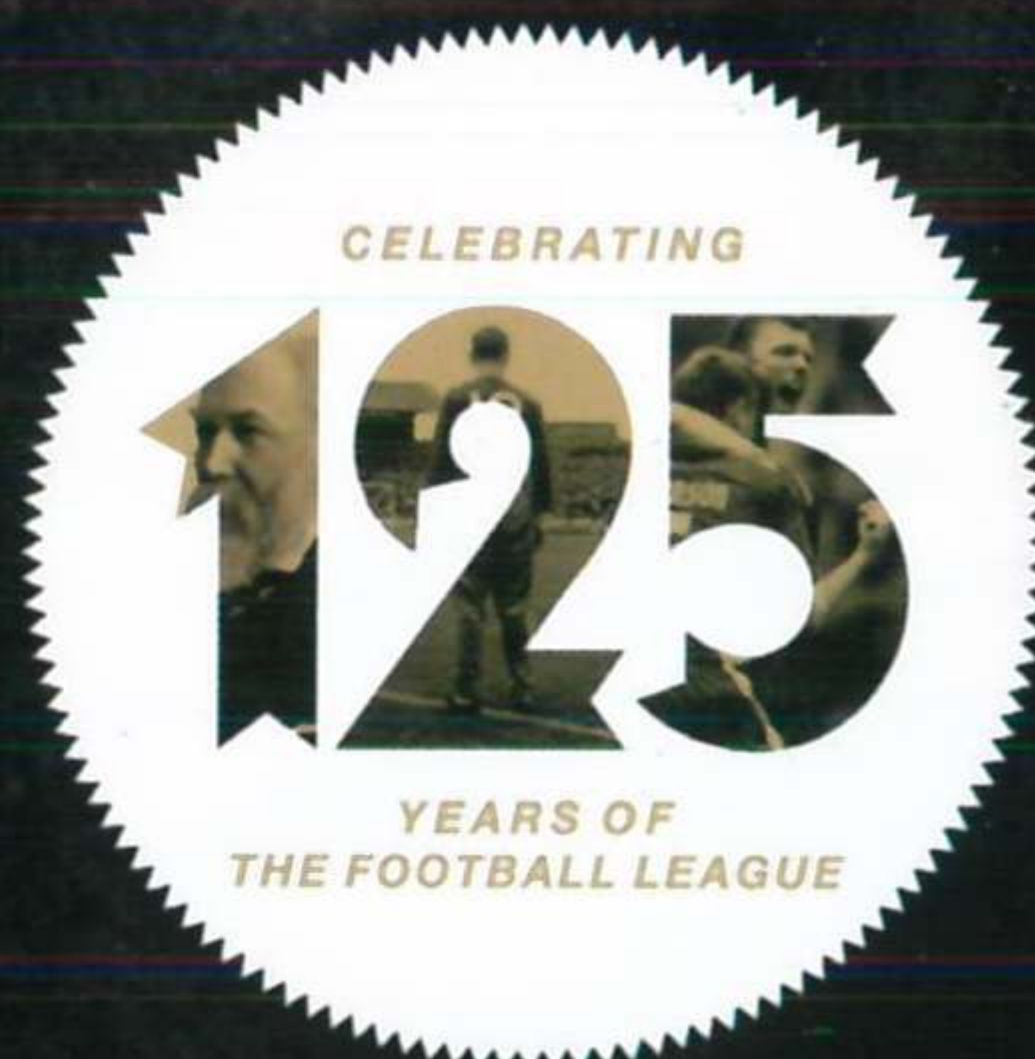
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William McGregor
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Travel guide

All you need to know about the trip to Millwall plus the lowdown on the next visitors to Portman Road, Neil Warnock's Leeds United...



Millwall

Monday, April 1, 2013 - The New Den
Kick-off 3.00pm - Sat Nav address: SE16 3LN

By road: Take the A12 to the M25 junction, then head towards and over the Dartford Crossing. Pick up the A2, signposted New Cross, then follow the A20 and A21 signs to London. At New Cross, follow signs for Surrey Quays into Kender Street. Turn left into Old Kent Road, then right at the turning signposted 'car pound' into Ilderton Road. Zampa Road is the seventh on the right, taking you to the ground.

Parking: There is no official car parking at the stadium. It's the lottery of street parking.

By rail: For overground, the nearest station is South Bermondsey which is five minutes' walk from the ground. New Cross or New Cross Gate are 15 minutes away. On the Underground the East London Line takes you to Surrey Quays or New Cross Gate, which are 15 minutes' walk from the ground, or catch the Jubilee Line to Canada Water, which is 20 minutes from The New Den.

Club transport: Coaches leave Portman Road at 11.30am and return around 7.30pm. Cost is adults £18; senior/student/U20 £17; U16 £13.

Info point

Leeds United

Saturday, March 30 (h) 3.00pm
Tickets are on general sale. Prices from adults £29; senior/student/U20 £20; U16 £12.50; U16 (family area) £9.

Millwall

Monday, April 1 (a) 3.00pm
Tickets are on general sale. Prices from adults £26; seniors: £17; U16s £13; U12s £7.

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Next in town...

Leeds United



How are they doing this season?

Not bad. They have had their ups and down this season and lost top scorer Luciano Becchio to Norwich during the January transfer window. That was meant to hit them hard and it certainly upset their fans but they have coped well.

What sort of form are they in?

Pretty good and they are still in the hunt for the Play-Offs. They picked up a 2-2 draw at high-flying Crystal Palace last Saturday which left them six points off the top six. With Neil Warnock in charge, he won't let them slacken off until the last ball has been kicked. He has said he doesn't expect to be at Leeds next season if they don't win promotion to the Premier League.

Any names within the Leeds ranks that Town fans will be familiar with?

David Norris. He joined them from Portsmouth last summer after a year at Fratton Park. Chuck, as he is known, was skipper at Town and clocked up over a century of appearances for Blues in his three years at the Club. A box-to-box midfielder as they say, he was in the Leeds team that beat Blues 2-0 at Elland Road earlier in the season.



Booking Fees

Booking fees will be charged as follows for matchday tickets purchased by credit/debit card: Home matches £1 per transaction
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Fans scene

David McGoldrick and Reece Brown take part in a reading lesson, while Josh Carson and Cormac Burke are also in school, plus birthday Blues and more...

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Birthday Blues

Happy birthday to Tim Kenny, who is celebrating his birthday in the Sir Bobby Robson Suite this evening and will be turning the big 40 on Monday.

What Tim doesn't know (he may do now!) is that his friends and family in the Sir Bobby Robson Stand lower including Phil, Steve, Mark, Big Rich, little Rich, John, Harry, Scott, Gav, Caddy, Paul, Dean, Trev and Emma D, along with his mum, dad, sister Issy and his niece and nephews - Francesca, James, William and Eddie - have donated £170 to today's supported charity, Prostate Cancer UK, so that Tim can take part in the half-time Orbzorbing challenge. Come on Tim, don't let us down!

Happy birthday to David Leeks, who will be celebrating his 70th birthday on March 18. Dave, who has been the Club's media suite steward for the past 30 years, celebrated his 70th year by donating his 100th pint of blood. Well done Dave and many happy returns from all your friends and colleagues at ITFC.

In the book

Town duo David McGoldrick and Reece Brown visited Years 5 & 6 at Ravenswood Community Primary School to celebrate World Book Day.

The players spent time talking with the youngsters about their favourite books and authors, answering a few questions, before signing some autographs and having some photos taken with all four classes.

Town striker David offered some good advice to the young learners: "Read as much as you can and listen to your teachers who are trying to help you become the best that you can be," he said.

"Enjoy your time at school, work hard, learn as much as you can and don't give up."



Cuban Blues

Here are Phil and Gavin Bloom representing Ipswich Town on a recent trip to Cuba.

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Comic turn

Josh Carson and Cormac Burke got involved in Comic Relief's 25th anniversary celebrations by teaming up with Britannia Primary School in Ipswich, to participate in their 25 lesson challenge.



The school, who were taking part in Mark Watson's 25 hour stand-up show, taught 25 lessons in one school day, giving regular updates on their progress to the show and its audience.

The two Blues played their part in a football based PE lesson, passing on a few tips of the trade as the class got involved in a penalty shoot-out competition.

With 180 pupils involved in the challenge, the school hope to raise over £2,000 for Red Nose Day.

Well done to all the children at Britannia Primary School for taking part.

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The first correct entry opened after the closing date of March 23 will win the tickets for four. Winner from the Leicester game was Alison Welham of Ipswich.

Question: Actor Sean Bean supports Sheffield United or Wednesday?



Head to Head

The matchday programme looks back at five encounters between Town and Bolton that have made the headlines for one reason or another plus we check out the stats that matter...

December 16, 1961

Town 2 Bolton 1

Crawford at the double

By December, in the first-ever season in the top flight, Town were in the top three and unchanged for the fourth game in a row, with Bolton the visitors to Portman Road for the first time.

Eddie Hopkinson was kept busy in the Bolton goal and after 25 minutes Roy Stephenson was left limping from a

fierce tackle by Syd Farrimond, which raised the hackles of the home crowd.

With half-time looming, a corner from Wanderers' Brian Pilkington was met by Doug Holden and the visitors went in for their half-time tea a goal to the good.

With only seven minutes remaining Town equalised when Ray Crawford shoulder-charged Hopkinson and the ball over the line - legal in those days - to set up a grandstand finish, and two minutes from the end it was Crawford again who slammed the ball home from a rebound to complete the turnaround.

May 19, 1999

Town 4 Bolton 3

Heartbreak as Dyer bids farewell

Bolton began this second-leg Play-Off semi-final one goal to the good but it only took Matt Holland 14 minutes to level the tie.

Bob Taylor equalised for the visitors after the break before Kieron Dyer restored Blues' advantage.

The game was poised on a knife-edge and when Per Frandsen found the net from a corner with only six minutes remaining it looked as though Bolton had done enough to progress to Wembley.

However, with seconds remaining on the clock a Fabian Wilnis cross was met by a deft header from Dyer which took the game into extra-time.

Bolton struck through Taylor again to level the scores on the night but with five minutes remaining Holland grabbed his second to edge Blues in front.

George Burley's side couldn't find that other goal needed and Bolton went through to Wembley on away goals, while Dyer bowed out of Portman Road in tears. A few months later he was on his way to Newcastle.



April 21, 1979

Bolton 2 Town 3

Worthy winner of goal award

Town were midway through a rich vein of form that saw them win seven of the last eight games to rise from the bottom half of the table in early April to clinching sixth place and a European spot a month later.

Town fielded a young side against Bolton with six players under 23 and the youngest, the 19-year-old Alan Brazil, deputising for the injured Paul Mariner. Bolton had amongst their team Sam Allardyce, Alan Gowling and the enigmatic Frank Worthington.

It was Worthington who opened the scoring with one of the best goals of his or anyone else's career.

With his back to goal near the edge of the Town penalty area he first controlled the ball with his head, juggled with it, then flicked the ball back over his head as he spun around and then volleyed the dropping ball past Paul Cooper.

It was rightly voted the goal of the season.

Town equalised through Brazil and then grabbed a second just before the break when an Arnold Muhren corner fell to John Wark and he did the rest from six yards out.

Brazil made it three for Blues when he collected a long pass from Mick Mills, rounded Paul Jones and slotted the ball home.

Allardyce headed Bolton back into the game but Town held on for the points.

"He flicked the ball back over his head as he spun around and then volleyed the dropping ball past Paul Cooper"



May 17, 2000
Town 5 Bolton 3

Magic hat-trick

Almost 12 months to the day after losing out to Bolton in the Play-Off semi-final, Town and the Trotters locked horns again for a place at Wembley.

With the tie level at 2-2 after the first-leg, Dean Holdsworth gave the visitors a sixth minute lead, which lasted until he fouled Jim Magilton, who converted the penalty.

Holdsworth put Bolton ahead again when he curled in a free-kick, then Magilton missed a penalty as the drama kept coming.

Four minutes after the break Magilton received the ball on the edge of the Bolton penalty area and skipped past two defenders before driving the ball home to level the tie.

Joy turned once more to despair when moments later Allan Johnston drove superbly home from 25 yards, and the score remained that way until the last minute of normal time when Magilton completed the only hat-trick of his career to send the tie into extra-time.

David Johnson was thrown to the ground in the early minutes of extra-time and Jamie Clapham made no mistake from the spot.

Martijn Reuser sealed the victory and a place at Wembley with a goal in the last minute of extra-time against a Bolton side who were down to nine men in one of the most remarkable games in Town's history.

April 6, 2002 - Bolton 4 Town 1

Bobic treble begins the end for Blues

Five games remained when Town and Bolton met with both fighting for top flight survival.

The game was only two minutes old when a misplaced header allowed Fredi Bobic to pounce and drill the ball past Andy Marshall to put the home side in front.

A slip from Marshall allowed Bobic to add a second on the half-hour and a defensive mix up gave Yuri Djorkaeff a simple tap-in. Before the first-half was over, the capitulation was complete as Bobic headed home a Ricardo Gardner corner for his hat-trick.

Jamie Clapham scored for Town late on but the defeat left relegation beckoning for Blues.



Hat-trick heroes

Town v Bolton

Jim Magilton, May 2000, First Division Play-Offs

Bolton v Town

Fredi Bobic, April 2002, Premiership

Top scorers

Town v Bolton

Ray Crawford 7

Bolton v Town

Wyn Davies 5

Biggest home win

Town v Bolton

4-1, May 17, 1963, First Division

3-0, December 16, 1978, First Division



Bolton v Town

6-0, September 18, 1963, First Division

Biggest away win

Town v Bolton

3-1, September 8, 1962, First Division

Bolton v Town

4-1, September 19, 1964, Second Division

3-0, September 21, 1994, League Cup

Full League record

Town wins: 12

Bolton wins: 9

Draws: 6

Full Cup record

Town wins: 2

Bolton wins: 4

Draws: 1

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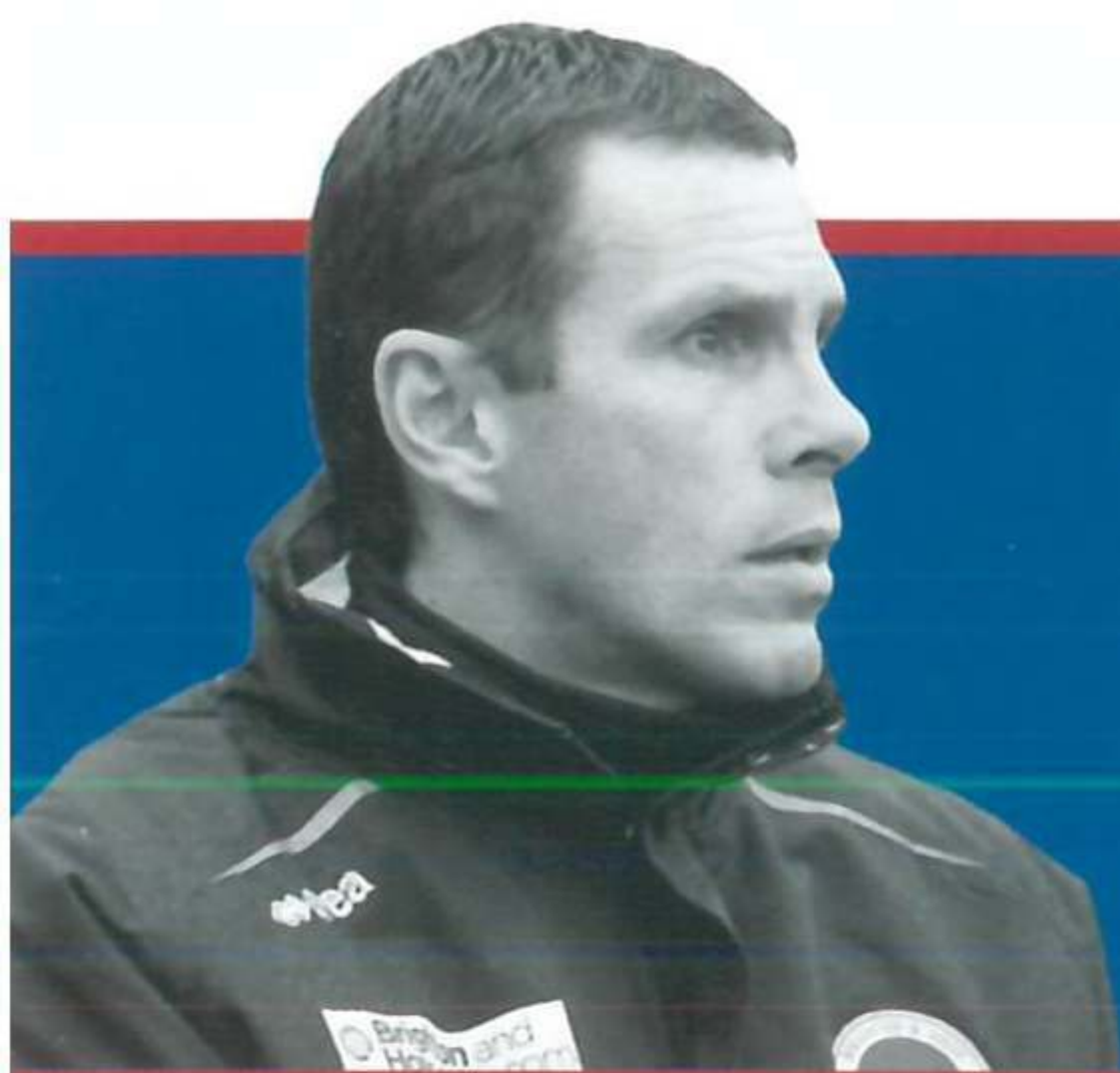
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Bolton 1 (M. Davies)

Town 2 (Campbell, Chopra)

Bolton: Bogdan, Mears, Alonso, Knight, Ricketts, Eagles, Andrews, M. Davies, Spearing, Ngog, K. Davies.

Town: Henderson, Orr, Cresswell, Chambers, Smith, Edwards, N'Daw, Martin, Drury, Campbell, Barnett.



A look at the league

Our latest view of the Championship sees a manager impressed with a loan signing while another is short of strikers. Tony Mowbray is considering changes at Boro while Wolves might need a new owner...

Bruce Boyd by George!

Hull boss Steve Bruce believes he has signed a top player in George Boyd.

The ex-Peterborough forward has signed for the Tigers on loan, with a view to a permanent move, and caught the eye with two goals on his home debut against Birmingham.

"His work-rate and intelligence - he looks the real deal," said Bruce. "I've always been a big admirer, but I didn't know he was that good. If he can keep performing as he has been then we've got some player on our hands."

Boyd is reported to be signing for a seven-figure fee in the summer and Bruce believes he will be worth every penny.

"He has all the attributes of the modern day player," he added of the 27-year-old. "He's left-footed, over six feet tall, and can play numerous positions."

"He's got a huge appetite for the game - his work-rate is just second to none and that's something I really love in a player."



All change at Boro?

Middlesbrough boss Tony Mowbray has threatened to ring the changes after seeing his side's promotion charge hit the buffers.

Boro have picked up just one win in six League games and are now adrift of the Play-Off places, having spent the majority of the season in the top six.

"We have to work hard and try to put it right," said Mogga, whose side have won just twice in the Championship in 2013.



"If we can't put it right we'll have to get some players who can do a job - that's what football is."

The Boro boss has been particularly critical of his side's defending, adding: "If you can't defend set-plays you can't win football matches."

"Defending a corner has become a problem for us over the last few weeks. It's been decent all season but the last six weeks it's costing us."

"It's so frustrating - we have to improve drastically. You can't win any football matches if you can't do the basics."

Help needed for Ince

New Blackpool boss Paul Ince believes that his son Thomas is in need of help.



Ince junior has top scored for the Seaside with 18 goals, but the side found the target just once in five games recently, leaving them perilously close to the relegation zone before last weekend's win at Watford.

"If Thomas doesn't score, we don't seem to score," said the former England midfielder. "I think sometimes other players have to take the responsibility on themselves. They can't just rely on a 21-year-old kid to score goals all the time."

"Whether that's down to not putting themselves in the right positions or things not falling for them, we're looking and we're trying to get a couple in to start scoring goals."

Ince was on target again in the Seaside's 2-1 win at Vicarage Road.

"Do I regret coming here? No. Is the job too much for me? No. What's my exit plan? I don't have one"

Morgan: I'll quit

Wolves owner Steve Morgan has offered to leave the club.

The midlanders have had a turbulent 12 months, having suffered relegation from the Premier League, subsequently endured a poor season in the

Championship and seen four managers fill the Molineux hotseat.

"If the supporters want to drive me out of the club I will go," he said at a recent fans' forum. "If it gets to the point where I feel I am not wanted I will go, simple as that."

"But, if that day comes, it won't be for the want of trying or effort."

Morgan is a Liverpool fan but insists he has no regrets about taking on Wolves six years ago.

"Do I regret coming here? No. Is the job too much for me? No. What's my exit plan? I don't have one," he added.

"I am not here for any other reason than to try and make the club successful."

Loan option for Poyet

Brighton boss Gus Poyet says he will need to dip into the 'hated' loan market after top scorer Craig Mackail-Smith was ruled out for the rest of the season.

The ex-Peterborough hitman suffered an Achilles injury during a recent 0-0 draw at Bristol City last week, while Ashley Barnes was also red carded at Bolton last Saturday, leaving the Seagulls with one fit striker.

"I like to have four strikers at least but we have had three recently and now we have one."

"I absolutely hate the loan market but I'm not going to be so naive not to use it so now we will have to look for a striker."

"But we need to be a little bit lucky and find someone within our price range. It has got to work for us, for the other club and for the player."



My life in pictures

AARON MCLEAN

LONDON BOY: I started my career with Leyton Orient and it gave me a good grounding as a footballer. I made 40 appearances for the O's, despite only being a fresh faced kid (as the photo shows!). I then moved south to Aldershot, where I spent two enjoyable years, and featured almost 70 times for the Shots.



GREAT DAYS AT GRAYS: I left Aldershot in 2005 to team up with Essex-based side Grays Athletic, who were non-League. My career began to gather pace here and we had a lot of talented individuals who would later go on to play League football. At Grays we won the FA Trophy and it wasn't long before my goals were attracting the attention of Peterborough.



GOING POSH: I initially joined Peterborough on loan, before completing a permanent £150,000 switch. I really enjoyed my time at Posh and won back-to-back promotions with them, to League One and then into the Championship.

Along with George Boyd, I struck up an impressive strike partnership with Craig Mackail-Smith and here is me and Craig celebrating after winning promotion to the second tier in 2009.

TIGER FEET: Despite really enjoying my time at Peterborough, I felt I needed a fresh challenge and I joined Hull in January 2011 where I have made some great friends at the club. It's a bigger club than people think and I think it is really geared up to return to the Premier League. I really hope the lads do it, even though I'm away on loan. I needed to be playing games and when a side like Ipswich come in for you, it becomes a no-brainer.



BLUE IS THE COLOUR: Once I heard that Ipswich were interested in taking me on loan until the end of the season, I jumped at the chance. I've always wanted to play for the club, ever since my days living in the town. Another big factor was playing under Mick McCarthy, a manager who had tried to sign me during his days at Wolves. I've settled in well with all of the lads and there is a great team spirit here. Hopefully that spirit can help us climb the table from now until the end of the season.

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15/2	2-1	7/1	2-2	11/1
20/1	3-0	18/1	3-3	33/1
18/1	3-1	16/1		
22/1	3-2	20/1		

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Match report

Town 1 Leicester 0

McGoldrick stuns Foxes

A late strike from David McGoldrick saw Town secure an excellent 1-0 win over promotion chasing Leicester.

The striker fired home the winner with five minutes left, coolly slotting the ball beyond Kasper Schmeichel after being played through on goal by Daryl Murphy.

Mick McCarthy named an unchanged starting line-up, with his only change seeing Jay Emmanuel-Thomas replace Elliott Hewitt on the Town bench.

The first effort on goal didn't arrive until the 23rd minute, with Harry Kane capitalising on a loose ball in the middle of the Town half, but the Leicester forward snatched at his effort and it deflected wide.

Foxes stopper Schmeichel saved his side moments later, superbly clawing out a goalbound header from Luke Chambers, before seeing McGoldrick head over from eight yards out.

The second-half started a lot quicker than the first and McGoldrick was unfortunate to see a drive beaten away by Schmeichel.

The game was becoming a lot more stretched and the visitors were soon presented with a great chance to go in front. Chambers' backpass sent Kane clean through on goal but the striker rolled the ball wide.

With seven minutes left, they came close to breaking the deadlock, but Kane's frustrations continued as he could only head over Paul Konchesky's centre.

That was to cost the Foxes soon after when Wes Morgan was robbed off possession by Daryl Murphy and the Celtic loanee played in McGoldrick who calmly slotted the ball past Schmeichel.

Town were throwing bodies on the line to protect the lead and a brave save from Stephen Henderson denied Chris Wood before a combination of Tommy Smith and Chambers blocked Andy King's drive with two minutes remaining, as Blues held on.

Stats that matter

Town		Leicester
6	Shots on target	4
4	Shots off target	7
6	Corners	5
6	Fouls	11
1	Cards	2

How Town lined up



Andy Drury brushes off the challenge of Andy King



... and sparks huge celebrations at Portman Road!



Luke Hyam and Danny Drinkwater battle for possession



David McGoldrick tucks home with just minutes remaining...



Match report

Forest 1 Town 0

No reward for brave Town display

A late strike from substitute Lewis McGugan saw Town slip to a narrow defeat to Nottingham Forest, after being reduced to nine men.

Lee Martin was dismissed in the first-half after reacting to a foul by Henri Lansbury, before Richard Stearman was shown a second yellow card after the break with the scores still goalless.

Mick McCarthy made two changes to the side that beat Leicester, with Andy Drury and Daryl Murphy replacing Carlos Edwards and David McGoldrick.

With the mist rolling in from the Trent, conditions were difficult and the game was in doubt at one stage.

Blues fashioned the first real opening in the gloom, with Drury finding Martin in space some 25 yards from goal and the midfielder was unlucky to see his dipping drive fly just over Karl Darlow's crossbar.

The hosts responded strongly and a superb solo run from Lansbury saw him skip past three Town challenges but his effort was denied by Stephen Henderson.

Shortly after the half's main talking point arrived, Martin jinked past the challenges of Lansbury and Gonzalo Jara and appeared to be tripped in the area, although referee David Webb only awarded a free-kick on the edge of the box.

Michael Chopra then forced Darlow into a smart save with his legs, with Guirane N'Daw having his follow up effort deflect wide for a corner as Town pressed.

Blues were down to 10 men when Martin was shown a straight red card for an apparent elbow on Lansbury.

Midway through the second-half, Stearman fouled Andy Reid and was shown a second yellow.

The nine men were holding out for a point though until the 84th minute, as McGugan's long range effort deflected beyond Henderson in the Town goal.

Stats that matter

Forest		Town
6	Shots on target	5
8	Shots off target	2
4	Corners	3
12	Fouls	14
4	Cards	3

How Town lined up



Richard Stearman clears his lines as Simon Cox closes in



Andy Drury volleys the ball forward as Andy Reid looks on



Stearman shuts down Chris Cohen's ball forward



Luke Hyam looks on as Reid pumps the ball forward



Stearman and Radislaw Majewski hunt down the ball



Match report

Peterborough 0 Town 0

Blues left frustrated as Olejnik stars

Town had enough chances to have left London Road with all three points but had to settle for the draw.

Frank Nouble went closest with a first-half effort that cannoned back off the post, the Town frontman then denied by an outstanding save by Bobby Olejnik.

Olejnik was the busier of the two 'keepers but Stephen Henderson kept the scoreline blank late on with a save from Dwight Gayle.

Elliott Hewitt came in for his first League start for Town, while Nouble was making his first start since arriving at the Club from Wolves in January. Manager Mick McCarthy also gave a debut to Jay Tabb, who joined Blues from Reading on loan 24 hours earlier.

Peterborough shaded the early chances, with Aaron Cresswell alert to stop Nathan Mendez-Laing getting in on goal, Tommy Rowe then firing over after a flowing move from the home side.

Lee Tomlin dragged a shot just wide from a great position before Blues began to make a mark on the game, David McGoldrick going close before Nouble curled a beauty against the woodwork.

The striker was the stand-out performer in the first-half and arrowed another shot for the far corner until Olejnik's fingertips diverted the ball inches wide.

Posh started the second-half on the front foot and Town breathed a sigh of relief when Danny Swanson's deflected strike went just wide of Henderson's post.

McGoldrick was denied at the other end after good work by Luke Hyam, Olejnik then producing a terrific save to keep out McGoldrick's header.

Town had a strong penalty claim for handball late on but referee Linington waved away Blues' claims and man of the match Olejnik was called on in the final minute to save from ex-Posh frontman Aaron Mclean.

The stats that matter

Peterborough		Town
4	Shots on target	8
4	Shots off target	8
4	Corners	7
11	Fouls	5
2	Cards	0

How Town lined up



Andy Drury tries his luck from distance



McGoldrick flashes an effort wide



Jay Tabb made his Town bow at London Road



David McGoldrick receives some close attention from Gabriel Zakuani



Frank Nouble sees his effort hit the Posh post



Home comforts

Academy scholar Cory Galvin might be hundreds of miles from his Cork home but the familiarity of those surroundings played a big part in him joining Town as he told the matchday programme...

U21 fixtures 2012/13

DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	SCORERS
August			
Tue 21	Swansea	A L1-2	Ellington
September			
Fri 7	Cardiff	H W6-0	og, Hammond, Mohsni, October, Timlin, Marriott
Sun 16	Brighton	H W1-0	Ellington
Mon 24	Bristol City	A L0-1	
Sun 30	Barnet	H W3-2	Marriott 3
October			
Sun 21	QPR	H W1-0	Ellington
Tue 30	Brentford	A 2-2	Ainsley, Lawrence
November			
Wed 7	Swansea	H L0-1	
Mon 19	Millwall	A L5-1	Ainsley
January 2013			
Mon 14	Charlton	A W2-1	Kisnorbo, Emmanuel-Thomas
Mon 28	Brighton	A L0-4	
February			
Mon 25	Colchester	H W4-3	Nouble 3, Drury
March			
Sat 2	QPR	A D0-0	
Sun 10	Brentford	H L2-3	Mclean, Yusuff
Mon 18	Millwall	H 7.00pm	Portman Road
Mon 25	Cardiff	A 7.00pm	
April			
Mon 8	Charlton	H 7.00pm	Portman Road
Fri 12	Barnet	A TBC	
Mon 15	Bristol City	H 2.00pm	
Mon 22	Colchester	A 7.00pm	
Fixtures subject to change.			

When weighing up your options before joining a club, many factors are likely to play on your mind. Will I like the club? Will I settle into the area? Will the players already at the club take to me? The list goes on...

But for one Town scholar his mind was fully made up when speaking to three former Blues who all hailed from the same town.

Cory Galvin, a first-year scholar from Cork in Ireland, admits the

They talked to me about life back home and I really appreciated that. It was good to speak about Cork and Ireland.

"Seeing senior pros like them interacting with me on a regular basis made me certain I wanted to go full-time with Ipswich and I think I've made the right decision."

It proved to be an opportunity that right-winger Cory was eager to jump at, as he plots a way out from the Sunday League football he was playing in his homeland.

"If I can finish the season well with Ipswich, maybe break into the U21s, and qualify for the Euros then I would class that as a really progressive season"

welcome he got from the Irish trio of Colin Healy, Damien Delaney and Shane O'Connor when walking through the doors on trial meant he never wanted to leave.

"The likes of Colin, Damo and Shane were all very good to me," the young midfielder told the matchday programme.

"They were from Cork and they would go out of their way to speak to me and give me lots of advice.

"Back home there isn't any real Academy structure as there is in England, so I was just playing for my local Sunday side and managed to get spotted when I was about 14," he explained.

"I came over for a couple of trials and impressed enough to get taken on. Ipswich was always the club I wanted to join.

"Everybody made me feel really welcome and there were about

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five who were on trial with me. Then obviously you had the likes of Josh Carson and Cormac Burke already here. We met up with them and Ian McLaughlin, who was here at the time, and we were all mixing together.

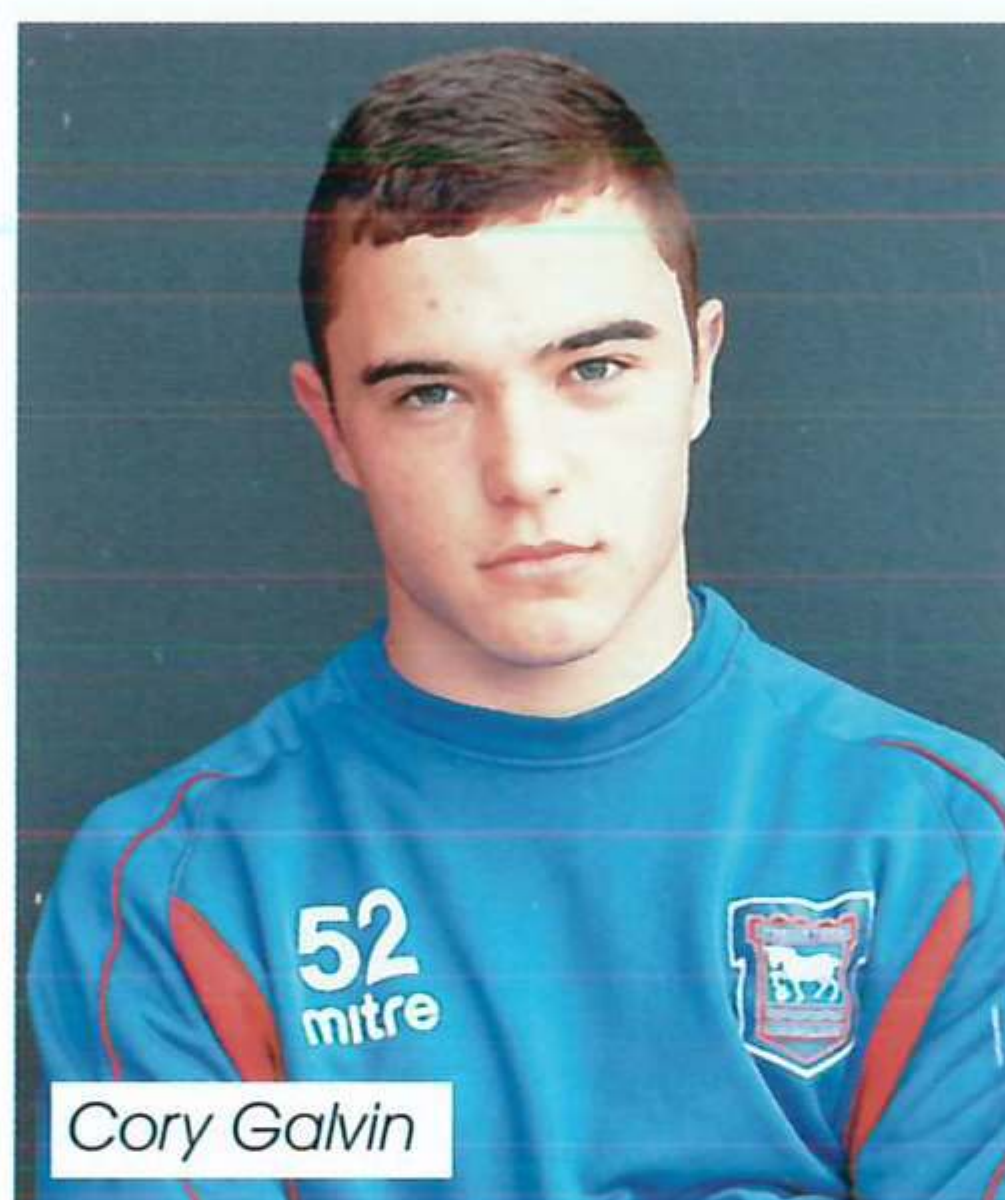
"The family feel of the Club left a good impression on me and as soon as I knew Ipswich wanted to sign me, I wanted to sign for them."

With his first year as a scholar at Town reaching its climax, Cory is looking to finish on a high as he, hopefully, prepares to switch from the blue of Ipswich to the green of Ireland, as the nation's youngsters look to qualify for this summer's European Championships.

"I'm still involved with Ireland and it's good because you get to experience another type of football," said the teenager.

"I was away last week in Croatia in for some warm-up games and I go away again next week for the next round of European Championship qualifiers.

"If we qualify then we will be in the Euros in the summer. Pulling on that famous green jersey is something I'm very proud to have done.



Cory Galvin

"If I can finish the season well with Ipswich, maybe break into the U21s, and qualify for the Euros then I would class that as a really progressive season."

MEANWHILE, two of Cory's team-mates have been shortlisted for the League Football Education (LFE) Goal of the Month.

Byron Lawrence and Joe Robinson both netted impressive strikes at the start of last month, as Blues' U18s beat Brighton 4-2 at Playford Road.

Let's hope that one of our two first-year scholars can scoop the award and you can play your part by voting for either of them.

Just head on over to the LFE website and register your vote at www.lfe.org.uk/goal-of-the-month.

U18 Academy Premier League fixtures 2012/13

DATE	OPPOSITION	VENUE	RESULT	SCORERS
August				
Sat 18	Swansea	H	W4-1	Marriott 3, Winter
Sat 25	Cardiff	A	W4-1	Marriott 2, Timlin, Ramadan
September				
Sat 15	Brighton	A	D1-1	Winter
Sat 22	Bristol City	H	L0-4	
Sat 29	Barnet	A	L1-2	Ramadan
October				
Sat 6	Colchester	H	L2-3	Timlin, Lawrence
Sat 27	Brentford	H	W6-0	Winter 2, Galvin 2, Leddy, Timlin
November				
Sat 3	Swansea	A	W6-2	Marriott 3, Leddy, Fowler, og
Sat 10	Millwall	A	D1-1	Marriott
Sat 17	Millwall	H	W2-0	Sowumni, Marriott
Sat 24	QPR	A	L1-2	Timlin
January 2013				
Sat 12	Charlton	H	L2-6	Leddy, Winter
February				
Tue 5	Brighton	H	W4-2	Marriott 2, Robinson, Lawrence
Sat 9	Barnet	H	W3-1	Leddy 2, Marriott
Sat 16	Bristol City	A	L1-3	Lawrence
Sat 23	Colchester	A	D1-1	Timlin
March				
Sat 2	QPR	H	L1-3	Ramadan
Sat 9	Brentford	A	W2-0	Winter 2
Sat 30	Cardiff	H	11.00	
April				
Sat 6	Charlton	A	11.00	

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From the skipper

Carlos Edwards continues his regular column in the matchday programme with a welcome for a new addition to the squad and a 'warning' for one player who departed Portman Road recently...

I'm glad to be back in contention for a place in the starting line-up this afternoon after missing the last couple of fixtures through injury.

It was really frustrating not to be out there fighting for the cause with the guys but these things happen in football. Sometimes I forget my age as I just love to be playing football and that was my first spell out of the team for a long while, when I think about it, so on the scale of things it wasn't too bad, thankfully.

It was just one of those annoying little injuries where you don't want to risk

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coming back too soon and doing any long-term damage. It was a case of resting up for a week or so and I've trained all week now and I'm feeling fit and ready to go, if selected of course.

It shows our strength in depth though throughout the squad, as when people get injured or suspended - as we saw with Lee Martin and Richard Stearman following their red cards at Forest - we have players ready to step in and do a job. They have to be ready as well, as they should want to capitalise on others' misfortune to cement their place in the starting line-up.

One guy who stepped in with ease was Jay Tabb, who has joined us on loan

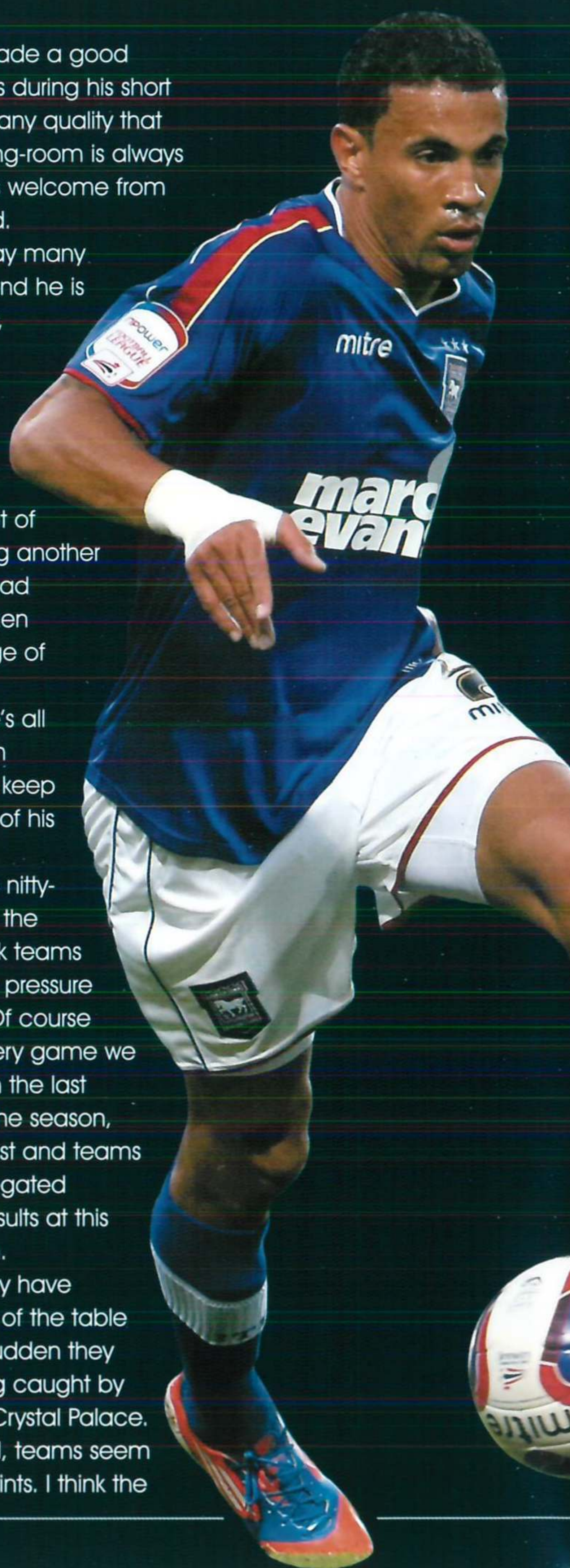
from Reading. He's made a good impact on all the boys during his short time at the Club and any quality that comes into the dressing-room is always a bonus and is always welcome from everyone in the squad.

I've come across Jay many times over the years and he is obviously a top player, which is why he has featured 12 times in the Premier League with Reading this season. He knows what it takes to get out of this division and having another older, experienced head is always a positive when we approach this stage of the season.

He showed what he's all about at Peterborough and hopefully he can keep that going for the rest of his time here.

We are entering the nitty-gritty 'business end' of the season now and I think teams are starting to feel the pressure a little bit more now. Of course there is pressure in every game we play, but as you reach the last couple of months of the season, titles can be won or lost and teams can stay up or be relegated depending on their results at this time of the campaign.

Look at Cardiff - they have been flying at the top of the table all season, yet all of sudden they are in danger of being caught by Hull, Watford or even Crystal Palace. Whilst at the other end, teams seem to keep picking up points. I think the



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pressure of the situation does get to teams, as they realise games are beginning to run out and sometimes you can get an indication of how teams around you are doing by the reaction of the fans, who may be listening in on the radio to other games whilst watching our match.

I still keep in regular contact with Jason Scotland, who of course teamed up with Barnsley after he left us, and he seems to be doing well for them. Don't worry though Town fans, I've sent him a text to tell him to stop scoring important goals!

In all seriousness I'm delighted to see Jason doing well and fair play to him. He's enjoying himself there but I've told him not to enjoy himself too much otherwise I might have to go and pay him a visit to sort him out!

Hopefully his goals won't affect our position as we want to make sure we do our job and get ourselves safe as soon as possible.

We come up against a Bolton side who, not too long ago, were fairly close to us in the table. Since then they have gone on a superb run and are looking to break into the Play-Offs.

As I've said it before in other columns, we can't be worrying about the other teams though. Let them worry about us and we will just concentrate on our own game.

We have trained hard all week, we're focused and are just concentrating on coming away with nothing but three points. That's the aim. The fans have been brilliant recently, especially at home, and we want to keep them smiling.

It was fantastic against Leicester in our last home game and the atmosphere really cranked up a notch. I certainly feel that added atmosphere helped us and played a major part in us winning the game through Didsy's (David McGoldrick) late winner. More of the same is what we are hoping for again this afternoon.

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	Red	Yellow							
Ainsley	0	0	Henderson	0	1	Murray	0	0	
Barnett	0	0	Hewitt	0	0	N'Daw	0	4	
Brown	0	0	Higginbotham	0	0	Nouble	0	0	
Burke	0	0	Hyam	0	5	Orr	0	2	
Campbell	0	0	Kisnorbo	0	1	Reo-Coker	0	3	
Carson	0	2	Lawrence	0	0	Scotland	0	0	
Chambers	0	0	Lee-Barrett	0	0	Smith	0	1	
Chopra	0	2	Loach	0	0	Stearman	1	1	
Cresswell	0	4	Luongo	0	1	Tabb	0	0	
Drury	0	1	Martin	1	8	Taylor	0	0	
Edwards	0	3	McGoldrick	0	0	Thorsteinsson	0	0	
Ellington	0	0	McClean	0	0	Wellens	0	1	
Emmanuel-Thomas	0	0	Mohsni	0	1	Whight	0	0	
	0	1	Mings	0	0	Wordsworth	0	0	
			Murphy	0	1				

Town scorers 2012/13

	Lge	FAC	CC	Total				
Ainsley	0	0	0	0	Luongo	0	0	1
Barnett	0	0	0	0	Martin	0	0	0
Brown	0	0	0	0	McGoldrick	2	0	0
Burke	0	0	0	0	McClean	1	0	0
Campbell	10	0	0	10	Mohsni	0	0	0
Carson	0	0	0	0	Mings	0	0	0
Chambers	2	0	0	2	Murphy	6	0	0
Chopra	4	1	0	5	Murray	0	0	0
Cresswell	2	0	1	3	N'Daw	1	0	0
Drury	0	0	0	0	Nouble	0	0	0
Edwards	0	0	0	0	Orr	0	0	0
Ellington	0	0	0	0	Reo-Coker	0	0	0
Emmanuel-Thomas	1	0	0	1	Scotland	1	0	1
Henderson	0	0	0	0	Smith	3	0	1
Hewitt	0	0	0	0	Stearman	0	0	0
Higginbotham	0	0	0	0	Tabb	0	0	0
Hyam	1	0	0	1	Taylor	0	0	0
Kisnorbo	0	0	0	0	Wellens	0	0	0
Lawrence	0	0	0	0	Whight	0	0	0
Lee-Barrett	0	0	0	0	Wordsworth	0	0	0
Loach	0	0	0	0				



Matter of fact

Town midfielder Anthony Wordsworth has a crack at our prediction game plus we have all the facts and stats from Town and the Championship...

npower Championship Latest League Table 2012/13



Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Cardiff	36	22	6	8	58	38	20	72
2 Hull City	37	21	5	11	54	43	11	68
3 Watford	37	20	6	11	72	47	25	66
4 Crystal Palace	37	18	11	8	67	46	21	65
5 Leicester	37	17	8	12	58	32	26	59
6 Nott'm Forest	37	15	12	10	54	47	7	57
7 Brighton	37	14	14	9	51	38	13	56
8 Bolton	37	14	12	11	55	49	6	54
9 Middlesbrough	37	17	3	17	55	57	-2	54
10 Leeds	37	14	10	13	48	52	-4	52
11 Burnley	37	13	9	15	49	50	-1	48
12 Charlton	37	12	11	14	46	50	-4	47
13 Blackpool	37	11	13	13	53	51	2	46
14 Birmingham	37	11	13	13	49	59	-10	46
15 Derby	37	11	12	14	52	53	-1	45
16 Blackburn	36	11	12	13	44	47	-3	45
17 Millwall	35	12	8	15	44	52	-8	44
18 Huddersfield	37	11	11	15	38	63	-25	44
19 Sheffield Wed	36	12	7	17	41	50	-9	43
20 Ipswich	37	11	10	16	35	55	-20	43
21 Barnsley	36	11	8	17	46	58	-12	41
22 Peterborough	37	11	6	20	54	64	-10	39
23 Wolverhampton	37	10	9	18	43	53	-10	39
24 Bristol City	37	11	6	20	53	65	-12	39

Stats correct up to and including 15.03.13



Home and away

Number of fans to have travelled to and from Portman Road this season

League	To Town	Away	Hull	Leeds	Leicester	Middlesbrough	Millwall	Nottm For	Peterborough	Sheff Wed	Watford	Wolves	Cups	Aston Villa	Bristol Rovers	Carlisle
Barnsley	168	445		419	866	325		561	2302		1,108	776		2946		
Birmingham		768								1410					264	
Blackburn	1082	560														
Blackpool	394	681														
Bolton		499														
Brighton	909	753														
Bristol City	240	721														
Burnley	455															
Cardiff	264	470														
Charlton	993	1139														
Crystal Palace		671														
Derby	329															
Huddersfield	830	976														

Top scorers

Glenn Murray	C. Palace	29
Charlie Austin	Burnley	22
Jordan Rhodes	Blackburn	21
Matej Vydra	Watford	20
Tom Ince	Blackpool	18
Chris Wood	Leicester	18
Troy Deeney	Watford	14



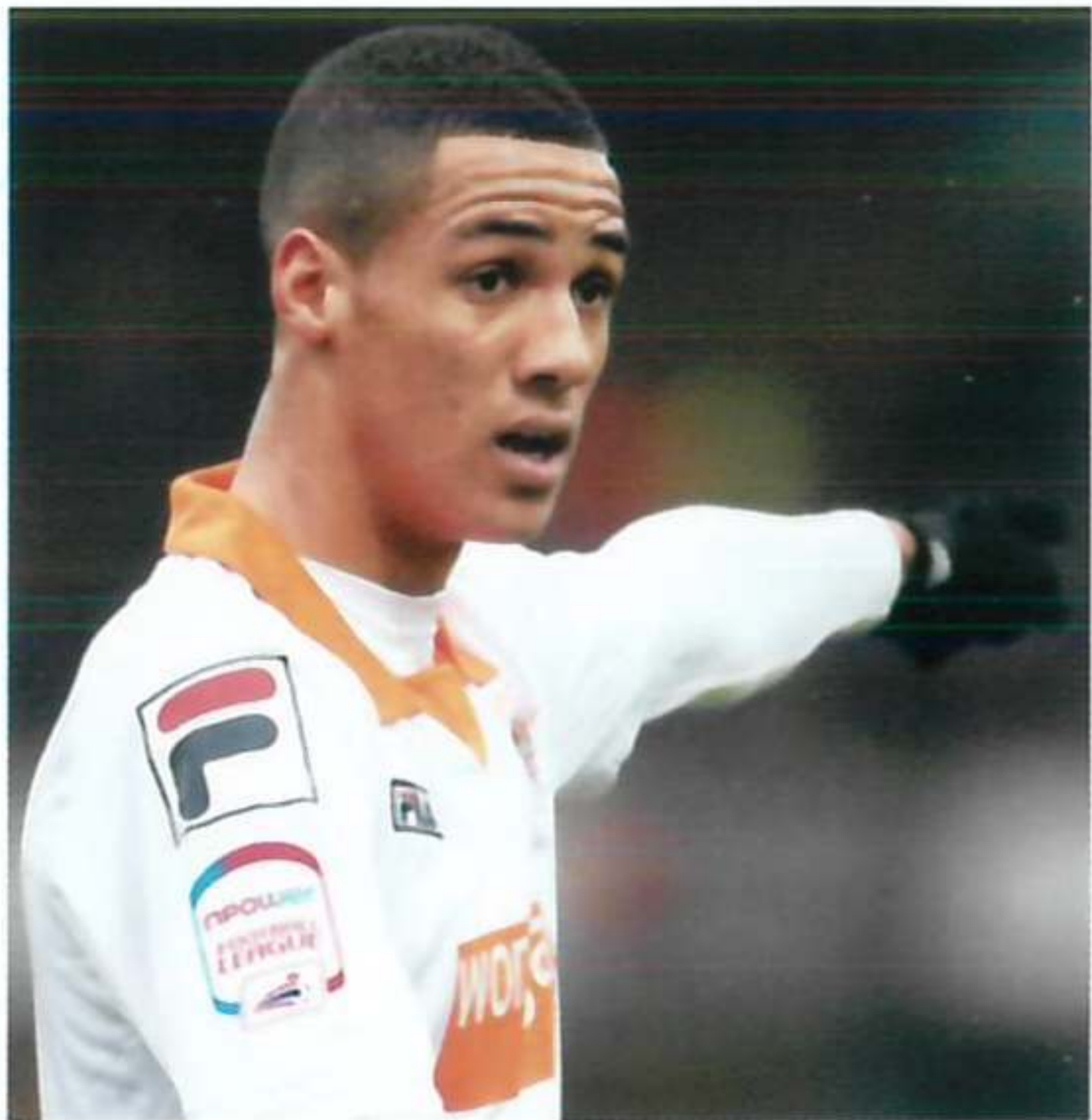
Shots on target

Chris Eagles	Bolton	72
Tom Ince	Blackpool	69
Charlie Austin	Burnley	59
Craig Davies	Bolton	48
Glenn Murray	C. Palace	48
Jordan Rhodes	Blackburn	48
Robert Koren	Hull	46
Chris Wood	Leicester	46



Assists

Chris Eagles	Bolton	12
Tom Ince	Blackpool	11
Bakary Sako	Wolves	11
Robbie Brady	Hull	10
Ross McCormack	Leeds	10
Michail Antonio	Sheff Wed	9
Ahmed Elmohamady	Hull	9
Craig Noone	Cardiff	9



Club shots on target

Bolton	263
Leicester	248
Derby	234
Blackpool	231
Watford	229

Clean sheets

Leicester	14
Cardiff	13
Hull	13
Brighton	12
Burnley	11

Professional staff 2012/2013

All the ITFC games and goals for every player

		League app	League Total goals	Cup app	Cup Total goals	Play-Off app	Play-Off Total goals	Club app	Club Total goals
Stephen Henderson	6'4"								
Dublin 2.05.88	West Ham (loan)	23	0	0	0	0	0	23	0
Arran Lee-Barrett	6'2" 12st								
Ipswich 28.02.84	Free Agent	36 (2)	0	4	0	0	0	40 (2)	0
Scott Loach	6'4"								
Nottingham 27.05.88	Watford	14	0	3	0	0	0	17	0
Jack Ainsley	5'11" 11st								
Ipswich 17.09.90	Ipswich Acad.	2 (2)	0	3 (1)	0	0	0	5 (3)	0
Reece Brown	6'2"								
Manchester 1.11.91	Man United (loan)	0 (1)	0	0	0	0	0	0 (1)	0
Luke Chambers	6'1"								
Kettering 28.09.1985	Nottm For	36	2	2	0	0	0	38	2
Aaron Cresswell	5'5" 10st 3lb								
Liverpool 15.12.89	Tranmere	81	3	5	1	0	0	86	4
Elliott Hewitt	5'11"								
Rhyl 30.05.94	Macclesfield	1 (3)	0	1	0	0	0	2 (3)	0
Patrick Kisnorbo	6'2"								
Melbourne 24.03.81	Leeds (loan)	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Tyrone Mings	6'3"								
Bath 13.03.93	Chippenham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Richard Stearman	6'3"								
Wolverham'n 19.08.1987	Wolves (loan)	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	0
Tommy Smith	6'2" 12st 2lb								
Macclesfield 31.03.90	Ipswich Acad.	87 (6)	9	8 (2)	1	0	0	95 (8)	10
Cormac Burke	5'9"								
Londonderry 11.08.93	Academy	0	0	0 (1)	0	0	0	0 (1)	0
Andy Drury	5'11" 12st 6lbs								
Chatham 28.11.83	Luton	41 (18)	2	2	0	0	0	43 (18)	2
Carlos Edwards	5'10" 11st 9lb								
Trinidad 24.10.78	Sunderland	142 (10)	5	9 (3)	1	0	0	151 (13)	6
Luke Hyam	5'10" 11st 5lb								
Ipswich 24.10.91	Academy	32 (7)	1	7	0	0	0	39 (7)	1
Byron Lawrence	5'8"								
Cambridge 12.03.96	Ipswich Acad.	0 (1)	0	0	0	0	0	0 (1)	0
Lee Martin	5'10" 10st 3lb								
Taunton 09.02.87	Manchester Utd	84 (14)	6	4 (2)	0	0	0	88 (16)	6
Guirane N'Daw	6'3"								
Senegal 24.04.84	St Etienne (loan)	27 (1)	1	0	0	0	0	27 (1)	1
Jay Tabb	5'7"								
Tooting 21.02.84	Reading (loan)	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Anthony Wordsworth	5'10"								
London 03.01.1989	Colchester	1 (2)	0	0	0	0	0	1 (2)	0
Josh Carson	5'9" 11st								
Antrim 03.06.93	Academy	16 (15)	5	2	0	0	0	18 (15)	5
Michael Chopra	5'6" 10st 2lb								
Newcastle 23.12.83	Cardiff	51 (21)	18	3 (1)	1	0	0	54 (22)	19
Jay Emmanuel-Thomas	6'4" 13st 5lb								
Forest Gate 27.12.90	Arsenal	36 (28)	7	5	1	0	0	41 (28)	8
David McGoldrick	6'1"								
Nottingham 29.11.87	Forest (loan)	10	2	0 (1)	0	0	0	10 (1)	2
Aaron Mclean	5'7"								
Hammersmith 25.05.83	Hull (loan)	3 (3)	1	0 (1)	0	0	0	3 (4)	1
Daryl Murphy	6'2" 12st 1lb								
Waterford 15.03.83	Celtic (loan)	73 (9)	15	2	0	0	0	75 (9)	15
Frank Nouble	6'3"								
Lewisham 24.09.91	Wolves	1 (8)	0	0	0	0	0	1 (8)	0
Ronan Murray	5'7" 11st								
Ireland 12.09.91	Academy	1 (8)	0	0 (5)	1	0	0	1 (13)	1
Paul Taylor	5'7"								
Liverpool 4.10.87	Peterborough	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0

Professional Staff stats correct up to and including 15.03.13

Fixture forecast

Each matchday programme we have been asking a Blue to predict the outcome of the week's Championship fixtures.

We will award three points for the correct scoreline and one for the correct result. So if our pundit predicted a 2-1 win for Town and it was 3-1, they would receive one point.

Next to test their skills is Anthony Wordsworth, who is on his way back from injury.



Today's Fixtures

	Prediction
Barnsley v Watford	1-3
Blackpool v Peterborough	2-2
Charlton v Millwall	1-1
Derby v Leicester	1-2
Hull v Forest	3-2
Leeds v Huddersfield	3-0
Middlesbrough v Birmingham	2-0
Sheff Wed v Cardiff	0-4
Wolves v Bristol City	0-0

How they stand

Blue	Points
Daryl Murphy	11
Tyrone Mings	10
Paul Beesley	9
Aaron Cresswell	9
Jordan Miles	9
Jack Ainsley	8
Luke Chambers	7
Luke Hyam	7
Josh Carson	6
Jason Scotland	6
Tommy Smith	6
Andy Drury	5
Kieron Dyer	4
Elliott Hewitt	3
Simon Milton	3
Ronan Murray	3
Scott Loach	2

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Star of the screen

Town striker Frank Nouble tells the matchday programme why he's becoming a video hit - and why it's worrying him!

Despite only arriving at Portman Road in January, Frank Nouble is already entertaining fans on and off the pitch.

The striker, who Mick McCarthy signed from former club Wolves on an 18 month deal, has settled in well to life as a Blue and admits a friendly relationship with one team-mate in particular has got him hitting the big screen, or so he likes to think!

"I like to use social media and it's a great way to communicate with the fans," Frank told the matchday programme.

"I've started using the app 'Keek' recently, where you can post short videos, and I've never really been into videos and pictures before but this is an exception.

"Jay (Emmanuel-Thomas) got me using it and I have to be honest I'm a little too into it than I would like to be now!

"It's good though because we have a lot of downtime after training and in hotels before away games, so if we can post little videos to show the fans what we are up to then that's great.

"Hopefully we can keep the fans entertained and they are enjoying what we are posting. Who knows where it could lead to? Me and Jay just use it as a bit of fun and we like to film ourselves rapping and dancing. It's just a bit of banter really."

"Hopefully we can keep the fans entertained and they are enjoying what we are posting"



Frank Nouble

With the Blue Army seemingly loving the latest Town 'Keek' craze, the former West Ham frontman is quick to point out the impact the fans can have from the terraces as the season begins to reach its climax.

"The fans have been great since I arrived here, both at home and away and we know how big a part they can play," added Frank.

"When they are singing and cheering it's like having an extra man on the pitch and even though I've not been here long, you can see how loyal they are.

"We've got some tough games left to play this season but you can be certain that the fans will be behind us every step of the way, which is great."

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Division 3 (South): Champions 1953/54, 1956/57
FA Cup: Winners 1978
UEFA Cup: Winners 1981
Texaco Cup: Winners 1973
FA Youth Cup: Winners 1973, 1975, 2005
U17 Academy League: Winners 2000/01
FA Premier Reserve League (South): Winners 2001/02

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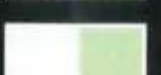
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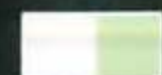
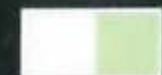
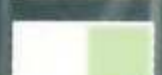
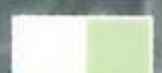
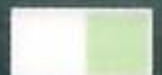
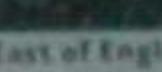
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| 31 Byron Lawrence |  |
| 32 Cormac Burke |  |
| 35 Frank Nouble |  |

Trotters

Manager: Dougie Freedman

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| 1 Adam Bogdan |  |
| 2 Tyrone Mears |  |
| 3 Marcos Alonso |  |
| 4 Matt Mills |  |
| 5 Tim Ream |  |
| 7 Chris Eagles |  |
| 8 Keith Andrews |  |
| 9 David Ngog |  |
| 11 Gregg Wylde |  |
| 12 Zat Knight |  |
| 14 Kevin Davies |  |
| 15 Craig Dawson |  |
| 16 Mark Davies |  |
| 18 Samuel Ricketts |  |
| 19 Marvin Sordell |  |
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